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Education slipping from grasp: MLA

NDP's David Eby fears a lack of post-secondary accessibility in B.C. PAGE 4

Hoax blamed on gaming feud

Langley. Call of Duty devotee accused of reporting fake bomb, hostage scenario after spat with teenager

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A store manager grabs a copy of Call of Duty: Ghosts for the Xbox 360. Police say a gaming dispute between a Vancouver man and a Langley boy escalated to a prank call about a hostage taking and bomb threat. ETHAN MILLER/GETTY IMAGES FILE

A reported bomb threat and hostage taking that had Langley police thinking they were answering the Call of Duty on Tuesday turned out to be nothing more than an alleged prank by a 19-year-old gamer.

The Vancouver man, who police are still trying to locate, is said to have gotten into some sort of dispute with a 17-year-old Langley boy while playing the popular game Call of Duty: Ghosts online for six hours.

"We were originally contacted by Peel Regional Police from Ontario around 11:30 at night, and they had actually received a call from an individual who had made the call through one of those spoofing online telephones," said Langley RCMP Cpl. Holly Marks.

"He was indicating that there were hostages at a house in Langley.... He did provide a name of an individual and we were able to locate a correct address."

The Langley boy's parents were surprised to find officers knocking at their door in the middle of the night and calling their son's name, according to a CTV news report.

Police were unable to locate the suspect — who goes by the online name Yolandas — using his IP address because he had recently moved, but they were able to speak to him on the phone.

Marks said the investigation is still ongoing and police will pursue a charge of public mischief if they are able to find him and prove the chain of events. The charge is punishable by a jail term of up to five years.

"A number of members were tied up at an incident that was a total false incident, and something more dangerous or relevant could have come in that we should have been attending but we would have been tied up at this," she said.

Call of Duty: Ghosts is a first-person shooter game in which players act as U.S. special-operations personnel trained to conduct clandestine missions behind enemy lines.

Marks said Langley Mounties receive prank reports like this only once or twice a year.

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Van. man shot in Thailand appeals for help with bills

Paralyzed. Nicolas Brown's expenses piling up as he awaits result of court proceedings

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A Vancouver man who was shot in the spine in Thailand by a man he was trying to help is appealing for donations to cover his medical bills while he pursues justice — the only two things he says are stopping him from moving on with his life.

Nicolas Brown, who friends call "Nicky Nine Lives," was paralyzed from the waist down last June after Thai student Don Praweenmeth drunkenly opened fire on a bar in Chiang Mai where he had tried to start a fight.

The parents of the Thai man, who has confessed to the shooting, have paid Brown's hospital bills for the first six months in hopes the judge would treat their son leniently, but stopped late last year.

"We don't know why," Brown said during an interview Wednesday in Vancouver, where he has been visiting friends for the last month during a break from legal proceedings.

"When I left the hospital I actually had an outstanding bill of about close to $5,000, and the onus is on the family to pay that, but they've stopped. They're pretty well off, actually, but we're worried that they're moving money around and that they're going to claim bankruptcy."

His lawyers have advised Brown his chances of getting full compensation are best if he is in Thailand for the duration of court proceedings, but the justice system is slow and his bills are piling ever higher.

Friends have already raised $4,000 to help him and the Canadian government also kicked in $15,000 for flights and medical expenses, but he expects to rack up tens of thousands more before his ordeal ends.

Despite the fact he might never walk again, Brown is known for his sunny attitude and says it comes from his determination not to succumb to depression.

"One of the things I like to tell myself is I've had a great life full of adventure, and I pretty much spent the first 35 years of my life saying yes to everything," he said.

"I've travelled for the past six years, so I've filled my life with a lot of great experiences, so now I don't mind taking a seat, and relaxing and reflecting.

"I can write, I have a beautiful girlfriend, I still have employment opportunities, so it's just about getting through this hardship ..."

Nic Brown lies in a hospital bed in Chiang Mai in June 2013 after being shot through the spine. Inset: Brown sits in his wheelchair at a downtown Vancouver hostel on Wednesday, where he has been staying while visiting friends in the city.
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Want to help?

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Mentally-ill defacer of Indian monument apologizes

Police Chief Jim Chu holds up an apology from a man who urinated on the Komagata Maru monument.
SINDHU DHARMARAJAH/FOR METRO

Charges have not been laid against the man who urinated on the Komagata Maru memorial last month in Coal Harbour because he has a serious mental illness and a drug addiction, police said Thursday.

The man was located on Wednesday and agreed to apologize for his actions, according to Vancouver Police Chief Jim Chu.

The man signed a letter saying: "I am sorry for what I did that day at the monument. I didn't want to hurt anyone."

Chu said the man, who is well known to the police, is severely addicted and mentally ill. He said that it was not in anyone's interest to serve him with a bylaw ticket.

The incident was taken seriously and initially looked into by a hate crime investigator. It was determined that the man most likely did not understand the significance of the monument when he urinated on it.

"This suspect needs the health system, not the justice system," said Chu.

The monument commemorates an incident in 1914 when 376 passengers from India were not allowed off the Japanese ship Komagata Maru in Vancouver. After several months, the passengers were sent back to India.

Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson said the incident was a "disgusting and disgraceful act," but was clearly performed by someone who didn't know what he was doing.

"What we have is a reasonable way forward with an apology," he added.

Sohan Deol, president of the Khalsa Diwan Society, spoke on behalf of the Sikh community saying they were initially very upset with the incident but they accept the man's apology.
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The door is being shut in B.C. students' faces, NDP MLA warns

'Jaw-dropping' data.

Province has country's lowest student enrolment and highest student debt

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The failing British Columbia jobs plan could be just the tip of the iceberg.

NDP advanced education critic David Eby, MLA for Vancouver-Point Grey, warns of even greater economic turmoil after digging up a worrying collection of statistics that show B.C. residents struggle more than ever to attend university or college.

In six short years, the province has seen the percentage of youth who are not enrolled, employed, nor in training (NEET) go from second-lowest in the country to the highest, at 13.5 per cent.

The province also has the fewest number of students likely to study full-time.

Those that do, carry the highest average student debt in the country, according to a recent Bank of Montreal student finance study.

DISTURBING TREND

Eby began noticing this disturbing trend last summer while touring B.C.'s post-secondary schools after being handed the advanced education portfolio by the NDP opposition.

"When I went to Thompson Rivers University for their orientation barbecue, there was a television crew that asked to find a B.C. student so I can ask them about what's going on," recalls Eby. "We went down the line and I talked to 15 students before I talked to a student from B.C."

That clued the first-time MLA in to a developing crisis.

"B.C. residents appear not to be able to access our education system the way they've been able to in the past," he said. "The key to good jobs is education and training. If they can't access that, they're not able to access jobs. If you put that together with employers going overseas to recruit skilled workers, you've got a recipe for disaster."

The trend, which has gone largely unnoticed compared to other issues such as student debt, is already taking its toll.

"We don't have to speculate about what the consequences are, they're already happening," said Eby. "That's where we see the 55 per cent increase in welfare use in the 19 to 24 age demographic."

Struggling students, meanwhile, have largely taken the crisis on the chin — powerlessly accepting their hardships as status quo.

STUDENTS STRUGGLING

Third-year Capilano University communications student Brittany Barnes, 24, is part of a shrinking group of B.C. students studying full time.

The decision to apply for loans, take on debt and power through her studies in the hopes of gainful employment wasn't easy.

"My student debt is approaching $30,000 already," Barnes said. "I know people who just take three courses and work part-time so they can earn some money, but they end up taking out students loans over a longer period of time. You have to weight the pros and cons and try to pick the lesser to two evils, I guess."

Barnes believes the provincial government, with its high loan interest rates and lack of needs-based educational program funding, hasn't been acting in the best interest of students.

Eby blames that on turnover within the Ministry of Advanced Education.

"There have been nine different ministers in the last 10 years and 10 different deputy ministers," he said. "The turnover means no one is looking at the big picture. All the indicators are terrible, and they're getting worse"

In the end, it means B.C.'s next generation won't be ready for the workforce.

"Students are struggling their hardest to make it work, but it's not working," said Eby. "Something needs to change."

ISSUE OF ACCESSIBILITY & AFFORDABILITY

Colum Connelly, chairperson of the Alliance of British Columbia Students, said Eby's "jaw dropping" data captures what he's seen on campus.

"This is an issue of accessibility and affordability for B.C. residents," said Connelly, a grad student at UBC. "It's just not feasible to put everything you want into your education and fund it yourself anymore."

Ongoing discussions with the government about student loan reform have been positive, Connelly said, but not much has happened beyond that.

"We're happy to see that moving in a positive direction, but I would really like to see things get kicked up a notch," said Connelly.

The Ministry of Advanced Education did not respond to requests for more statistics and an interview on this story by Metro deadline.

Eby plans to take his findings on tour to B.C. schools in the coming weeks to raise awareness on the issue.

NDP advanced education critic David Eby says alarming trends among B.C. post-secondary students paints a bleak picture of the province's economic future. MATT KIELTYKA/METRO

Students at the University of B.C. this fall. NICK WELLS/METRO FILE

The warning signs

Percentage of 15- to 29-year-olds who are not enrolled, employed or in training (NEET) in 2012:

- **B.C.:** 13.5 (was second lowest at 10.2 in 2006)
- **Que.:** 13.4
- **Ont.:** 13.3
- **Man./Sask.:** 11.5
- **Alta: 11.5**

Source: Statistics Canada

F/T students by province

Most likely to study full time in Canada (F/T per capita):

- **Que.:** 0.048
- **N.S.:** 0.047
- **Ont.:** 0.045
- **P.E.I.:** 0.044
- **N.L.:** 0.041
- **Alta.:** 0.037
- **N.B.:** 0.034
- **Sask.:** 0.033
- **Man.:** 0.033
- **B.C.:** 0.031

Source: Statistics Canada

Declining enrolment

Number of domestic students enrolled in B.C. post-secondary institutions (includes out-of-province students):

2012-13:
302,010

2011-12:
315,640

2010-11:
315,780

2009-10:
317,810

Source: Ministry of Advance Education

Average student debt

B.C.:
$34,886

Atlantic:
$30,725

Ont.:
$29,520

Man./Sask.:
$28,296

Alta.:
$27,334

Que.:
$13,180

Source: Bank of Montreal, 2013 student finance study

Total B.C. student debt

Total owed by students in B.C.:

- **2012-13: $1,141,064,643**
- **2011-12: $1,066,111,880**
- **2010-11: $974,243,111**

Source: Ministry of Finance

Did you know?

29%

Temporary foreign workers have filled 29 per cent of the new jobs created in B.C. since 2008-09.

Source: Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives

Drop in UBC applications

Students from B.C. schools represented 64 per cent of first year applicants to UBC in 2006. In 2013, applicants from B.C. represented just 49 per cent of the total pool.

Source: UBC 2013 Annual Report on Enrolment: Vancouver Campus

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‘Unlucky Don’ to share his misfortunes

Vancouver Motorcycle Show. B.C. adventurer has never completed his dream Dakar rally

SINDHU DHARMARAJAH
For Metro

Skills, smarts and near-death experiences make adventurer Don Hatton one of Canada’s most famous off-road racers.

He has participated in numerous events, including the major African rallies, the UAE desert challenge, Dakar and the infamous Baja 1000. He also appeared in the TV series Extreme Frontiers Canada and Motorcycle Experience.

When he’s not racing in top endurance rallies across the world, the Duncan, B.C., native sells insurance.

Hatton will share his tales from Jan. 24-26 at the Hatton Insurance booth at the Vancouver Motorcycle Show in Abbotsford.

Many know him as “Unlucky Don” for his numerous attempts to finish his dream Dakar rally. Over the years he was sidetracked due to crashes, illnesses and cancellations. Last year he was run over by a truck.

“Dakar is one I can’t seem to get to the end of. It’s always been bad luck,” said Hatton.

However, he’s trying again for 2015 and encourages would-be racers to do their research before jumping in.

“You really have to train hard, you need to learn navigation and you need buckets and buckets of money,” he said.

Duncan, B.C.’s Don Hatton during one of his rallies. COURTESY LLEWELYN PAVEY

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Driver left dead

Medical distress may have led to car crash: VPD

Police say an 82-year-old man who died early Thursday morning might have been in medical distress when his car crashed into two other cars on Marine Drive in Vancouver.

He was headed south on Kerr Street when he collided with the eastbound vehicles around 7 a.m.

The other two drivers, a man and a woman, were taken to hospital with relatively minor injuries.

KATE WEBB/METRO

Downtown Eastside

Ticketing report does not address concerns: Groups

Pivot Legal Society and Vancouver Area Network of Drug Users (VANDU) say a VPD ticketing report presented Thursday does not address their main concerns.

The groups have stated that police unfairly target residents from Vancouver’s Downtown Eastside for bylaw offences.

“It tries to narrow the issues to just jaywalking,” says VANDU organizer Aiyanas Ormond. “This is not dialogue with the community.” SINDHU DHARMARAJAH/FOR METRO

Babine Forest Products. Sawmill explosion was preventable, says report

The sister of a man killed in an explosion at a northern B.C. sawmill wants to know how the tragedy could ever have occurred, after the province’s worker-safety agency released a report that found the fatal fire was preventable.

WorkSafeBC released its report Thursday into the blast at Babine Forest Products mill after the Crown announced last week it would not pursue charges, in part due to a flawed investigation.

The report was cold comfort for Lucy Campbell, whose brother Carl Charlie, 42, and his co-worker Robert Luggi, 45, were killed when the explosion ignited a fireball through the mill.

“The report says this was a preventable incident, so that really upsets us. Because if this was preventable, why wasn’t it prevented?” Campbell asked.

The January 2012 explosion also injured 20 workers.

The agency’s investigation left significant evidence inadmissible in court, the Crown said, as investigators failed to obtain search warrants or warn witnesses of their Charter rights before taking statements.

Based on the remaining evidence, WorkSafe still recommended four charges, but the Crown felt there was no likelihood of conviction.

However, the agency is still weighing appropriate orders and penalties against the company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Babine Forest Products mill in Burns Lake in January 2012.
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2014. B.C. economy to improve slightly after 'exodus' of workers

Good riddance, 2013.

Even though dismal employment numbers set B.C.'s economy off to a shaky start this year, senior economists believe the promise of LNG investments and the low Canadian dollar will encourage a little bit of growth.

"B.C. will be happy to put 2013 behind it," TD Securities chief strategist David Tulk said during a panel discussion forecasting 2014's economy at the Vancouver Board of Trade on Thursday.

Stronger opportunities in other provinces, especially Alberta, led to an "exodus" from the labour force last year, Tulk said. This despite the B.C. Liberals' much publicized jobs plan.

B.C.'s economy is expected to grow by about two per cent this year, the economists predicted with cautious optimism, slightly less than Canada as a whole.

But it's not all bad news. B.C.'s beleaguered film industry is expected to see more action due to the low dollar, which could also boost tourism, RBC chief economist Craig Wright said.

The economists agreed the decision whether to build pipelines from Alberta to B.C.'s coast for export to Asia will be the most crucial of the year.

"We have to figure out how to get oil out of Alberta," HSBC Canada chief economist David Watt said, as pipeline and rail capacity will be exhausted by 2018 at the latest. If the oil stays in the ground, the economic outlook for the entire country will shift. While LNG will boost B.C.'s fortunes, Watt expects the windfall to be less than anticipated when the projects finally come onstream.

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Forestry. Clark boasts of Asian-trade progress

Premier Christy Clark says B.C.'s forest industry is beginning to cash in on her government's trade missions to Asia.

Clark has told an annual gathering of the Truck Loggers Association in Vancouver that B.C. exported $1.27 billion of softwood lumber to China between January and the end of November 2013.

She says that's a new record and a 13 per cent increase in exports over the previous year.

In November, the premier left for her fourth trade mission to Asia, visiting China, Korea and Japan.

Christy Clark
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Clark says one B.C. company is now signing an $80-million contract to provide housing in Szechuan, a province in west-central China.

The premier says she will continue to lead trade missions to Asia so the government can keep the momentum going.

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Their choice

B.C. won't force electric-powered LNG plants

B.C. Energy Minister Bill Bennett says the government won't force oil and gas companies that plan to develop liquefied natural gas plants in the province to use electricity in their operations. Bennett says the companies will have the choice to run the LNG plants that cool the gas to a liquid state with natural gas or electricity despite pollution and efficiency concerns by environmental groups.

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B.C. backcountry

Avalanche warning issued

The Canadian Avalanche Centre has issued a special warning for the public to use extreme caution in B.C.'s backcountry this weekend. The centre's Karl Klassen says the main concern is warm, possibly record-breaking temperatures, which will destabilize an already unstable snowpack, leading to surface slides.

The warning involves most regions in B.C. Klassen says the potential is there for very large, natural- and human-triggered avalanches. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Mayors agree on transit, referendum

Surrey, Vancouver. Discussion supports need for boost to transit infrastructure, and lack of need to go to polls on it

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Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts take part in a panel discussion on transit at a Vancouver Board of Trade event Thursday morning. EMILY JACKSON/METRO

Eventually they might compete for billions to build light-rail transit in Surrey or a subway in Vancouver, but for now, the cities' mayors seem to agree on pretty much everything to do with transit and the upcoming referendum.

If B.C. doesn't continue to invest in transit in the Lower Mainland, the impact will be "devastating" in terms of gridlock, the economy and quality of life, Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson and Surrey Mayor Dianne Watts agreed during a panel discussion on transit at a Vancouver Board of Trade event Thursday.

The current governance model, which involves TransLink, the province and municipal governments working on separate projects, leads to a "mishmash of nonsense," Watts said.

She advocated for a master plan that focuses on regional transportation as a whole, including projects such as the Massey Tunnel and the Pattullo Bridge.

Roads and bridges aside, municipalities have a $20-billion wish list for transit projects alone.

Robertson agreed a system-wide approach is needed as the region grows by one million people over the next 30 years. (About 70 per cent of the growth is expected south of the Fraser River.)

"What's good for Surrey is good for Vancouver," Robertson said, later telling reporters there is no reason both projects shouldn't be built at the same time.

The mayors concur that some mix of "fair and equitable" road pricing, not property tax or the gas tax, should be used to fund the expansion. Robertson also mentioned a regional sales tax as an option, as it would take less administration than road pricing.

Neither mayor wanted the transit referendum — proposed by Premier Christy Clark, it remains a mystery what the question will be and exactly when it will take place — but since it's going to happen, they agree it should not be on the ballot during the November municipal elections.

Sympatico

"What's good for Surrey is good for Vancouver."
Vancouver Mayor Gregor Robertson

Panellists SFU urban studies professor Peter Hall, economist Ken Peacock and Urban Development Institute CEO Anne McMullin emphasized that a decision on what to fund and how must be made soon so people and businesses aren't deterred from moving to the region.

As for a potential referendum question, Hall came up with the audience favourite.

"Are you willing to pay X dollars today in order to make sure the guy driving in front of you on the highway is taking transit tomorrow?"

'Not too late' to cap election spending: Mayor

The province says it won't cap municipal election spending or donations in time for the November elections, but Vancouver's mayor is pushing to make the changes before voters hit the ballots this winter.

"It's not too late for those changes to be brought in by the province," Mayor Gregor Robertson told reporters Thursday.

"There's a sitting of the legislature this spring — they could make changes then."

As it stands, the province will reform some rules in time for the 2014 election but says it needs more time before implementing expense limits.

Spending is out of control in Vancouver — one developer donated $960,000 to the NPA for its 2011 campaign — prompting council to repeatedly ask the province to institute caps locally if not elsewhere.

While Robertson wants the big money out of Vancouver politics, his party isn't considering a deal with others to cap spending ahead of legislation.

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One developer's $960,000 donation in the 2011 campaign to the NPA prompted council to ask the province for caps.

"We've been outspent the last couple elections by the NPA.... We have to be competitive in the election, so we have to play by the same rules they do," Robertson said.

Not that his Vision Vancouver party is hard done by. Both parties received more than $2 million in campaign contributions in 2011. Green Party Coun. Adriane Carr was elected with just $9,513.24.

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Beijing beset by dense smog as pollution hits dangerous levels

China. Commuters, tourists don industrial-strength face masks as toxic particles registered over 24 times what is considered safe

Tourists in masks use cellphone cameras to take snapshots of themselves during a heavily polluted day in Tiananmen Square in Beijing, China, Thursday. Beijing's skyscrapers receded into a dense grey smog Thursday as the capital saw the season's first wave of extremely dangerous pollution, with the concentration of toxic small particles registering more than two dozen times the level considered safe. ALEXANDER F. YUAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The air took on an acrid odour, and many of the city's commuters wore industrial-strength face masks as they hurried to work.

"I couldn't see the tall buildings across the street this morning," said a traffic co-ordinator at a busy Beijing intersection who gave only his surname, Zhang. "The smog has gotten worse in the last two to three years. I often cough, and my nose is always irritated. But what can you do? I drink more water to help my body discharge the toxins."

The city's air quality is often poor, especially in winter when stagnant weather patterns combine with an increase in coal-burning to exacerbate other forms of pollution and create periods of heavy smog for days at a time. But the readings early Thursday for particles of PM2.5 pollution marked the first ones of the season above 500 micrograms per cubic metre.

The density of PM2.5 was about 350 to 500 micrograms Thursday mid-morning, though the air started to clear in the afternoon. It had reached as high as 671 at 4 a.m. at a monitoring post at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing. That is about 26 times as high as the 25 micrograms considered safe by the World Health Organization, and was the highest reading since January 2013.

Serious air pollution plagues most major Chinese cities, where environmental protection has been long sacrificed for the sake of economic development. Coal burning and car emissions are major sources of pollution. In recent years, China has beefed up regulations and pledged financial resources to fight pollution.

In the far northeastern city of Harbin, some monitoring sites reported PM 2.5 rates of up to 1,000 micrograms in October, when the winter heating season kicked off. In December, dirty air gripped the coastal city of Shanghai and its neighbouring provinces for days, with the density of PM 2.5 exceeding 600.

Beijing authorities said the haze on Thursday had reduced the visibility to several hundred metres and that the severe pollution was likely to continue through Friday.

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Nunavut

Inquest called over record suicide year

Nunavut's chief coroner is calling a special inquiry in response to a record number of suicides in the territory last year.

Padma Suramala says 45 people killed themselves in 2013, making Nunavut's suicide rate 13 and a half times higher than the national average — a figure she calls terribly disheartening. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal policy

Trudeau wary of legal prostitution

Justin Trudeau isn't endorsing a proposal to legalize prostitution, saying it's one of many resolutions to be debated at the party's national policy convention in Montreal next month.

Trudeau says he looks forward to the debate, but appears to be signalling his own views against legalization, arguing prostitution is a form of violence against women. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Cybercrime

RCMP boss: Feds not doing enough

The RCMP commissioner has warned Public Safety Minister Steven Blaney the government must do more to fight cybercrime.

In a letter, commissioner Bob Paulson argues the government needs to focus more on providing the public with information and strengthening law-enforcement. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Winnipeg

Woman stabbed by car thief: Police

A Winnipeg woman and her child weren't seriously hurt after a thief stabbed the woman and stole her vehicle Wednesday.

Police said while the woman, 30, was clearing snow off her car, a man demanded her keys. She refused, so the man stabbed her leg and took her keys. The woman managed to get her child out of the vehicle before the thief drove off.

METRO IN WINNIPEG

Justin Trudeau admits to $840 in bad expense claims

In the midst of the Senate expenses scandal, Justin Trudeau has fessed up to some expense claim transgressions of his own.

The Liberal leader disclosed Thursday that he wrongly claimed $840 in MP travel and living expenses incurred while he was actually moonlighting as a paid public speaker.

He called them administrative errors and said he repaid the money as soon as he was made aware of the problem.

Conservative and NDP rivals pounced on the admission, accusing Trudeau of being little better than the senators who are under RCMP investigation for making allegedly fraudulent expense claims.

But Trudeau insisted his public disclosure and swift action to remedy the mistake shows he's setting a new standard of transparency.

"I am now explaining that to Canadians because one of the most important things about my approach in politics has been creating a level of accountability, of transparency, of openness, of honesty that means admitting when mistakes were made, taking responsibility for them and fixing them in an open manner that hopefully will continue to restore Canadians' trust in our political system," he said during an appearance with a provincial Liberal byelection candidate in the Toronto area riding of Thornhill, Ont.

Trudeau's political rivals were predictably unimpressed by Trudeau's self-described new standard of openness.

"I think it says a lot about his judgment and frankly about the Liberals' classic sense of entitlement," said NDP Leader Tom Mulcair.

"Frankly I think he's stolen a page from Stephen Harper's play book as well because you deny, deny, deny until you get caught and then you apologize." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau greets people after introducing Liberal byelection candidate Sandra Yeung Racco in Thornhill, Ont., on Thursday.

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Indian police say gang-rape suspects identified

Indian police said Thursday that they were closing in on five homeless men in the gang-rape of a 51-year-old Danish tourist in New Delhi, a case that highlights the plague of sexual violence in the country and threatens to tarnish its tourism industry.

Three other suspects were earlier picked up and accused of taking part in Tuesday's attack, which lasted nearly three hours and happened near Connaught Place, a popular shopping area in the heart of New Delhi, police spokesman Rajan Bhagat said.

"We have identified the culprits. All of them are vagabonds," a police official said

Tourism figures fell significantly in the three months following the 2012 fatal gang-rape of a young Indian woman — a case that caused public outrage — with visits by women dropping 35 per cent, according to the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India.

Police said the Danish tourist was raped at knifepoint Tuesday after she approached a group of men for directions back to her hotel. Instead of helping her, the men lured her to a secluded spot and raped her repeatedly, according to police. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Violence continues

Violence against women in India has caused increasing alarm since the fatal gang-rape of a 23-year-old Indian physiotherapy student in New Delhi in December 2012.

- Several foreign tourists also have been targeted in attacks that have received international attention, although Indian women are assaulted far more frequently.

Natural disaster

USDA responds to drought concerns

Federal officials have designated portions of 11 drought-ridden western and central states as primary natural disaster areas, highlighting the financial strain the lack of rain is likely to bring to farmers in those regions.

The announcement by the U.S. Department of Agriculture means eligible farmers can qualify for low-interest emergency loans from the USDA. While storms have pelted the East, droughts are persisting or intensifying in the West. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newtown tragedy

Shooter called radio show

The man who carried out the Sandy Hook Elementary School massacre in Newtown apparently called a radio station a year earlier to discuss the 2009 mauling of a Connecticut woman by a chimpanzee.

The caller believed to be Adam Lanza speaks softly on a show on the University of Oregon's campus radio station and blames "civilization" for the animal's attack.

Lanza killed 20 children and six adults at the school in Newtown on Dec. 14, 2012. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nigeria

Court sentences gay man to lashes

A young man convicted of sodomy was whipped 20 times Thursday in a northern Nigerian Shariah court.

Though Mubarak Ibrahim was found guilty under Shariah law, it is the first conviction of a gay man in Nigeria since President Goodluck Jonathan signed a bill that further criminalizes homosexuality under the West African nation's Western-style penal code.

The 20 lashes were administered in the public court. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Col. Jamila Bayaz at her office in Kabul, Afghanistan. MASSOUD HOSSAINI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Female police chief a first in Afghanistan

Top cop. Says she's ready to serve, despite danger of being a possible Taliban target

Quoted

"There are difficulties, but I will continue."

Col. Jamila Bayaz, Afghanistan's first female district police chief

She wears a black headscarf instead of a cap. But otherwise Col. Jamila Bayaz looks like any other district police chief in Afghanistan as she reviews checkpoints in the centre of Kabul.

Bayaz, 50, is the first woman to be promoted to run an entire district — the highest front-line appointment for an Afghan policewoman. With just two days on the job, she said she feels up to the challenge despite the threat, as policewomen are among the Taliban's top targets.

"I work day and night," she said as she walked through a money exchange bazaar that lies at the heart of Kabul's District 1. "I am ready to serve; I am not scared, nor am I afraid."

Afghan policewomen are frequently threatened and targeted by the insurgents and several have been killed in the past few years. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Chavez's legacy lives on in survival of rare dog breed

Mucuchies. Venezuela's former president saved breed, connected to his hero, from extinction

The Soviets made space dog Laika a national hero, and Americans have fallen for presidential pets from Checkers to Bo. In Venezuela, a rare breed of shaggy sheepdog has come to symbolize the legacy of the late Hugo Chavez.

Venezuela's former president rescued the mucuchies, named for the Andean town where the breed originated 400 years ago, from near-extinction in 2008 by providing funding to breed the remaining 23 purebreds, and he used to delight in recalling how one named Nevado fought at the side of his idol, 19th century independence hero Simon Bolivar.

"Every time Chavez hosted a foreign leader the president's office would call me up and make sure I brought the dogs," said Walter Demendoza, president of the Nevado Foundation, which works to rescue the breed. "He wanted the dog to be known around the world as a symbol of our country."

Chavez died from cancer last March, but interest in the dog surged after ally Argentine President Cristina Fernandez reappeared in public in November after surgery doting on a fluffy pup given to her by Chavez's brother.

Overnight the dog Simon, named after Bolivar, became a social-media sensation. This month, Chavez's successor, Nicolas Maduro, named a government campaign to rescue street dogs in honour of the The Liberator's best friend.

Thanks to Chavez's efforts, there are now almost 200 purebred mucuchies, and the dog is on its way to joining the group of 343 breeds officially recognized by the World Canine Organization.

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In this 2003 photo, President Hugo Chavez holds a mucuchies pup during his show Hello President in Mucuchies, Venezuela. MIRAFLORES PRESS OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Netanyahu dismisses critics of Jewish settlements

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu insists that continued building was "part of the deal" when talks resumed. OLIVIER FITOUSSI/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Thursday dismissed international critics of Jewish settlements, calling them hypocrites and saying claims that the construction on occupied lands poses an obstacle to peace were "bogus."

Israelis and Palestinians began peace talks in July after years of stalemate, and the Israeli government has come under heavy criticism for continuing its construction plans throughout talks.

But Netanyahu insisted continued construction in existing settlements was "part of the deal" when talks began and questioned the motives of those who were outraged now.

While the Palestinians dropped a long-standing demand that Israel halt all construction when peace talks resumed, they say they received assurances that Israel would show restraint.

Since then, Israel has approved plans, most recently last week, to build thousands of new settler homes.

In his comments, Netanyahu took specific aim at the European Union, which has been outspoken in its criticism. On Thursday, several EU countries, including Britain, France and Italy, informed Israel they were summoning local Israeli ambassadors to protest the building, Israel's Foreign Ministry said.

Netanyahu questioned why the EU protested the construction of "a few houses," but did not summon Palestinian diplomats over Palestinian misdeeds.

"When did the EU call in the Palestinian ambassadors to complain about the incitement that calls for Israel's destruction?" he said.

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Popular opinion

The Palestinians and the international community view the settlements as illegal or illegitimate.

- U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry recently said the construction raises questions about Israel's commitment to peace.

Price crash

Corn losing its golden lustre

Farmers spent the last few years planting as much corn as they could, but with its price half what it was a couple years ago, many growers are considering a shift back to soybeans.

A December survey of more than 1,600 producers indicated farmers intend to reduce corn planting to 92 million acres, a three per cent reduction from last year, and boost soybeans about 7.6 per cent to 82.3 million acres. That would be a soybean acres record.

Farmers have been planting more corn recently because prices grew alongside the ethanol production boom.

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Over the next six week, farmers will monitor price swings and choose what to plant. SEAN GALLUP/GETTY IMAGES

Israel

Anti-corruption chief accused of corruption

Israel's Justice Ministry said Thursday it is looking into claims that the head of the nation's elite anti-corruption police unit received bribes from the associates of a multimillionaire rabbi.

In a statement, the Justice Ministry said Israel's attorney general and state prosecutor received information in recent weeks that officer Menashe Arbiv and his family received "benefits" from associates of Rabbi Yoshiyahu Yosef Pinto, considered one of Israel's wealthiest rabbis with congregations and charities in the U.S. and Israel.

Arbiv denies wrongdoing and has taken temporarily leave of his position, said Israeli police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld.

Arbiv heads the Lahav 433 unit, which investigates national and international crimes and corruption. He recently served as Israel's police representative in the U.S., co-ordinating with American security organizations on investigations.

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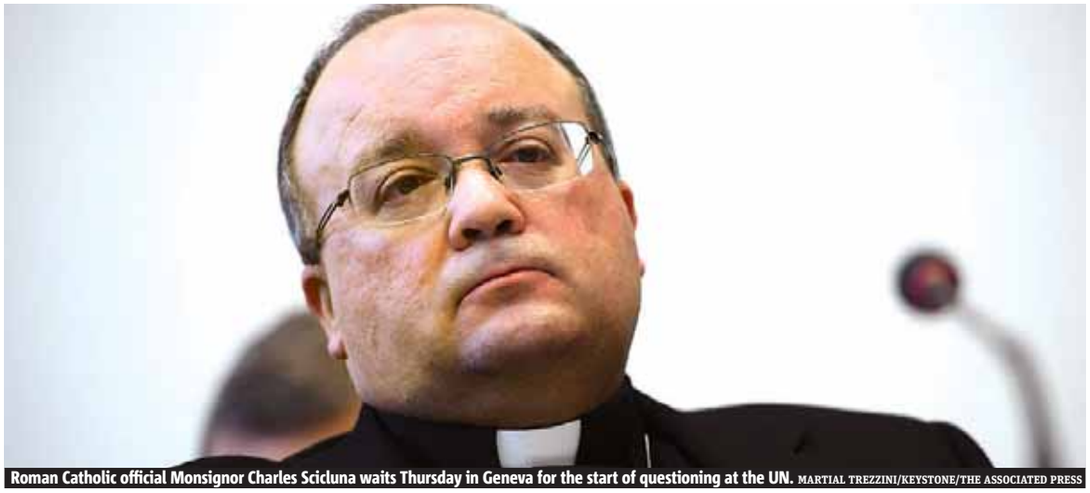
Vatican grilled by UN on child sex-abuse scandal

'The Holy See gets it'. Church's former sex crimes prosecutor says there are 'things that need to be done differently'



Roman Catholic official Monsignor Charles Scicluna waits Thursday in Geneva for the start of questioning at the UN. MARTIAL TREZZINI/KEYSTONE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Vatican came under blistering criticism from a UN committee Thursday for its handling of the global priest sex-abuse scandal, facing its most intense public grilling to date over allegations that it protected pedophile priests at the expense of victims.

The Vatican insisted it had little jurisdiction to sanction pedophile priests around the globe, saying it was for local law enforcement to do so. But officials conceded that more needs to be done and promised to build on progress already made to become a model for others, given the scale of the problem and the role the Holy See plays in the international community.

"The Holy See gets it," Monsignor Charles Scicluna, the Vatican's former sex crimes prosecutor, told the committee. "There are certain things that need to be done differently." He was responding to the UN committee over the Holy See's failure to abide by terms of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Britain, U.S., Australia

Live webcam child-abuse ring busted

Child-abuse investigators in the U.S., Britain and Australia have dismantled an organized crime group that streamed live webcam footage of child sexual abuse from the Philippines for paying viewers around the world.

An international investigation broke up the ring, which abused impoverished children as young as six, Britain's National Crime Agency said. Authorities made 29 arrests, including 11 people in the Philippines who had facilitated the crime, including members of the children's families.

Police describe the use of webcams to stream live child abuse — especially from developing countries — as a "significant and emerging threat."

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Court agrees to hear right-to-die appeal

Assisted suicide. Proponents argue the law is outdated and society's view of the issue has changed

The Supreme Court of Canada has agreed to review the country's assisted-suicide laws more than two decades after it rejected doctor-assisted dying for people who are terminally ill.

The high court announced Thursday it will hear an appeal in a case that briefly overturned the ban on assisted suicide and offered a B.C. woman a constitutional exemption to get help in ending her life.

The B.C. Civil Liberties Association, which has argued on behalf of several ill people who said they wanted to die with dignity, hailed the decision.

In 2012, Justice Lynn Smith of the B.C. Supreme Court ruled the existing law was unconstitutional but delayed her ruling for a year to allow the federal government to rewrite the statute.

Smith also granted Gloria Taylor an exemption that would have allowed her to seek an assisted death. Taylor was terminally ill with ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig's disease.

Arguing for the right to die with dignity

"Today we are savouring the knowledge that seriously ill Canadians are going to have the opportunity to make their plea to the court."

Lawyer Grace Pastine, who has argued Kay Carter's case for the B.C. Civil Liberties Association

The federal government appealed the B.C. Supreme Court decision, and the B.C. Court of Appeal overturned the ruling last October, concluding that the 1993 case that upheld the law was binding and that the lower court didn't have the ability to overturn the decision.

Taylor didn't use the constitutional exemption. She died of an infection in October 2012.

But the family of another woman, 89-year-old Kay Carter who went to Switzerland in January 2010 to end her life, is continuing the court fight with the help of the British Columbia Civil Liberties Association.

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Animal cruelty. Society investigating after cat muzzled, starved to death

The Calgary Humane Society is investigating after a cat was found muzzled and starved to death Thursday just metres from where a dog was found dead in much the same manner.

The society said it found an emaciated female husky on Jan. 9 with tape over its muzzle, just like the cat.

The dog investigation prompted a local veterinary company to offer up a $5,000 reward for information leading to conviction in the case.

"Everybody who has a pet in Calgary is now at risk — that's the scary part," said Greg Hasbritt, president of Vets To Go, which is offering the reward.

Brad Nichols, the humane society's manager of cruelty investigations, said the penalties for such an act, if deemed intentional, could include counts of animal neglect and cruelty and carry a sentence of up to five years in prison and a maximum $20,000 fine.

METRO IN CALGARY

Canadians face trafficking charges in Philippines

Arrested Canadian nationals James Clayton Riach, right, and Ali Memar Mortazavi Shirazi wait for their inquest proceeding at the Department of Justice in Manila, Philippines, on Thursday. The Anti-Organized and Transnational Crime Division of the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) said four Canadians, including Riach and Shirazi, were arrested Wednesday for allegedly trafficking illegal drugs from Mexico. The suspects are allegedly linked to a Mexican cartel and undercutting Chinese traffickers dominating the local market, which could trigger a drug war, NBI said. BULLIT MARQUEZ/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Problem with alcoholics? Get them to work for beer

Fifty-year-old Karel Slinger, participant in a pilot project for alcoholics that offers to fund their drinking rather than try to cure them, pauses for beer at the clubhouse in Amsterdam, Wednesday. PETER DEJONG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tough job. Pilot project in Amsterdam has garnered worldwide attention

The men streaming in and out of a small clubhouse in east Amsterdam could almost be construction workers at the end of a hard day, cracking jokes as they down a few Heinekens, waiting for their paycheques. But it's only noon, the men are alcoholics and the beers are the paycheque.

In a pilot project that has drawn attention in the Netherlands and around the world, the city has teamed up with a charity organization in hopes of improving the neighbourhood and possibly improving life for the alcoholics. Not by trying to get them to stop drinking, but instead by offering to fund their habit outright.

Participants are given beer in exchange for light work collecting litter, eating a decent meal, and sticking to their schedule. The men must show up at 9 a.m., three days a week. They start off with two beers, work a morning shift, eat lunch, get two more beers, and then do an afternoon shift before closing out with their last beer. Total daily pay package: 19 euros (about $28), in beer, tobacco, a meal and 10 euros cash. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The problem

For years, around 50 rowdy, aging alcoholics had plagued a park in east Amsterdam, annoying other park-goers with noise, litter and occasional harassment.

- The city had tried many hard-handed solutions, spending 1 million euros (about $1.5 million) a year on prevention, treatment and policing programs to deal with the problem, but nobody was satisfied.

Hollande scandal. French president's alleged lover suing gossip magazine

A French actress suspected of having an affair with French President Francois Hollande has filed a lawsuit against a gossip magazine for alleged invasion of privacy over its report.

A representative of Closer magazine says the publication received legal documents Thursday from Julie Gayet and her lawyers. The lawsuit seeks 54,000 euros (about $80,000) in damages and other fees, plus the publication of a summary of any judicial ruling on its front page.

Hollande has said his "indignation is total" about the report, but stopped short of saying whether he'd sue.

Rumours have long circulated that Hollande might have a lover. The magazine Closer published images Friday showing his bodyguard and a helmeted man it says is Hollande visiting what it says is the apartment of the actress.

Hollande has been living with Valerie Trierweiler, a journalist, since he split with the mother of his four children in 2007. They are not married.

French actress Julie Gayet
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Trierweiler is widely viewed as the reason that Hollande split from longtime partner Segolene Royal. The political couple formally separated just after Royal lost her bid for the presidency in 2007, but it later emerged that Hollande had been having an affair with Trierweiler during the campaign. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Supplies allowed to enter front lines near Syrian capital

Goodwill gesture?

Government's decision may be related to upcoming peace talks

The Syrian government allowed supplies to enter two contested front-line areas near the capital, a relief official said Thursday. Activists said the death toll from two weeks of infighting in the north between rebel forces and an al-Qaida-linked group climbed to more than 1,000 people.

The head of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, Khaled Iriqsousi, told The Associated Press that enough supplies to feed 10,000 people for a month entered the Damascus suburbs of al-Ghezlaniya and Jdaidet al-Shibani on Thursday. The areas are east and west of the capital of a region known as Ghouta.

The government's decision to permit the supplies to enter appeared to be a goodwill gesture on its part as well as an attempt to present itself as a responsible partner ahead of a peace conference scheduled to open next week in Switzerland. It was not clear whether the move was part of arrangement agreed to by Damascus and the main Western-backed opposition group, the Syrian National Coalition, to allow humanitarian aid into some blocked-off areas.

That agreement was announced Tuesday in Paris by U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who together are working to ease the strife in Syria. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Urgent need

The head of the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, Khaled Iriqsousi, said 30 trucks carrying 2,000 boxes of food entered the two areas without incident. He said each box is about 40 kilograms, and includes items like rice, lentils, baby formula, blankets and detergents.

- One of the areas hardest hit by food shortages in Syria is the Palestinian refugee camp of Yarmouk, where residents say 46 people have died since October of starvation, illnesses exacerbated by hunger or because they couldn't obtain medical aid.

Workers swept off roof at Sochi venue

SOCOG staff members dig in the snow on Thursday after six workers were swept off a roof at the bobsleigh centre in Sochi, Russia, when the snow they were clearing slid to the ground. Associated Press technicians who saw the fall said one man appeared to have injured a leg and was taken away on a stretcher, while others sustained minor injuries. The men were clearing snow at the Sanki Sliding Center, venue for the bobsled and luge events. JOE PAYNE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pakistan

Lawyer says former-president needs treatment stateside

A lawyer representing Pakistan's former President Pervez Musharraf in his high treason trial said Thursday that his client needs to go to the U.S. for further medical treatment following a heart scare.

The development is the latest twist in a series of legal cases Musharraf has faced since returning to Pakistan nearly a year ago. It came as the retired general failed yet again to appear in court.

The lawyer, Anwar Mansoor Khan, submitted a letter to the court from a doctor at the Paris Regional Medical Center in Paris, Texas. The letter, signed by the Director of Interventional Cardiology at the Texas centre, Arjumand Hashmi, asked that Musharraf be transferred to the hospital.

Musharraf is currently a patient at the Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology in Rawalpindi, just outside of the capital, Islamabad. He was taken there after suffering a "heart problem" on the way to court Jan. 2 after failing to appear at previous proceedings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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U.S. hotels. Death spurs probe into 911 dialling

A Texas grandfather's initiative to allow hotel guests to dial 911 without having to press 9 first — spurred by his granddaughter's inability to call for help when her mother was stabbed to death — has prompted a U.S. federal official to reach out to major hotels.

The story of Hank Hunt and his nine-year-old granddaughter motivated Federal Communications Commission member Ajit Pai to send letters to 10 American hotel chains, asking whether guests dialling 911 are directly connected to an emergency call centre or a hotel employee. The letters also ask for the number of hotels in which someone dialling just 911 would not complete the call, and what plan the chain had to resolve that issue.

Background

- Kari Dunn had taken her three children to visit her estranged husband at an inn in Marshall, Tex., the night in December when she was killed. Authorities say Brad Dunn stabbed her to death.
- Her daughter tried to dial 911 four times, but didn't know to press 9 first and got no response. A guest in a nearby room eventually called for help.

The letter from Pai requests a response by Feb. 14, though hotels are not required to respond. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TV. Stars, Republicans tapped for climate show

Producers of a Showtime series on global warming due this spring said Thursday it was crucial to get celebrities and Republicans involved to spread the stories beyond people who already believe it's an important issue.

The series, Years of Living Dangerously, begins April 13.

Former Republican governor of California Arnold Schwarzenegger is among the celebrities who travel to different sites to illustrate the impact of climate change. Matt Damon, Jessica Alba and Don Cheadle also participate.

"We want to break down the tribalism on this issue," said David Gelber, a former 60 Minutes producer who is helping make the series. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At-risk turtles overwhelming Indonesian sanctuary

A green turtle is seen at the bottom of the sea in the waters off Derawan Island, East Kalimantan, Indonesia. Green sea turtles remain a rare sight in many parts of the world, but the Indonesian island tasked with protecting them is now being overrun by far too many. New research suggests that the gentle endangered creatures are crowding into a marine reserve in numbers never recorded anywhere, gobbling seagrass to the point that they risk destroying the food source that's vital to their survival. MARJOLIJN CHRISTIANEN/UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Prolonged execution for condemned killer

Ohio. Untested drug combo takes more than 15 minutes to do its job after lethal injection

A condemned killer appeared to gasp several times and took more than 15 minutes to die Thursday as he was executed with a combination of drugs never before tried in the U.S.

Dennis McGuire was still for almost five minutes, then emitted a loud snort, as if snoring, and continued to make that sound over the next several minutes. He opened and shut his mouth several times without making a sound as his stomach rose and fell.

"Oh my God," his daughter, Amber McGuire, said as she observed her father's final moments in Lucasville, Ohio. His adult children sobbed in a witness room as they watched him die.

In trying to stop his execution, McGuire's lawyers had argued that he was at substantial risk of a medical phenomenon known as air hunger, which would cause him to experience terror as he strains to catch his breath.

McGuire, 53, was sentenced to die for the 1989 rape and fatal stabbing of a young pregnant woman, Joy Stewart. He acknowledged that he was responsible in a letter to Gov. John Kasich last month.

The never-tried lethal injection method was adopted after the maker of the state's previous drug put it off limits for capital punishment.

Federal public defender Allen Bohnert called McGuire's death "a failed, agonizing experiment by the state of Ohio." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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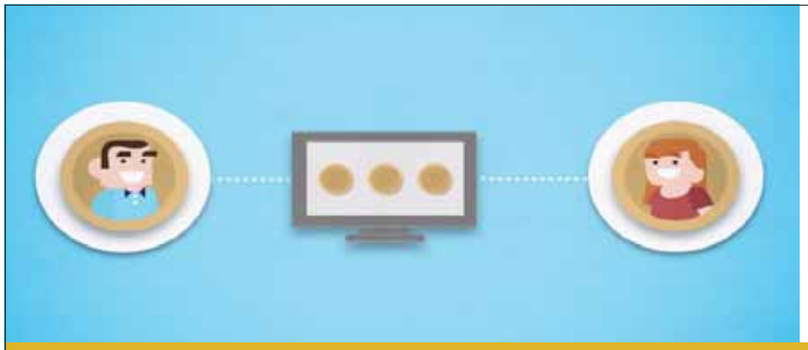
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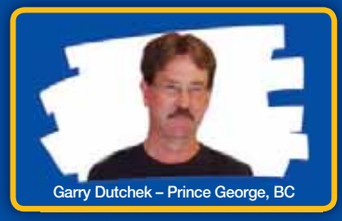
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The pigskin will fly as New Yorkers pig out

The Super Bowl won't touch down in New Jersey until next month, but the New York restaurant scene already is rolling out the turf carpet.

The city with the endless appetite for great food is going all out for the big game.

Exhibit A — The 50 Yard Lounge.

At the intersection of Madison Square Garden and Penn Station, the 50 Yard Lounge will offer what amounts to a five-day food and wine festival with athletes. There will be heated roof decks, tented plazas and restaurants featuring themed menus from top New York chefs while current and former NFL players mingle with diners.

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Rockin' in the free world?

Young's criticism of oilsands criticized

Amid his aboriginal fund-raising tour, rocker Neil Young is facing criticism over his comments that compared the oilsands to Hiroshima.

Before his concert in Winnipeg Thursday politicians called Young's remarks insulting and ignorant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Record labels are still not big fans of Spotify. Do you have sympathy for them?

I don't think there's a single record label that has a problem with us. They've worked with us for four to five years now, and I'm sure they wouldn't partner with us if they didn't like what we do. Right now we're their second-largest revenue generator after iTunes.

YouTube content boss Robert Kyncl's vision of his site is a talent factory for ordinary people. Do you want Spotify to go in the same direction?

We don't want to become creators of music. Record labels are great partners, and by the way, artists can also upload music to Spotify on their own. What we're focusing on is getting more music uploaded so that more people can enjoy it.

One of your staff members put an unknown singer named Lorde on Spotify's playlist, turning her into an instant star. Do you want to formalize this process of Spotify as a kingmaker?

Yes, we want to help artists, but we don't want to be kingmakers. What we're about is democratizing the music industry so that your friends are your king-makers.

Where will the money come from (to run Spotify)? At the end of the day, all these users just want things for free...

I think customers will pay for quality. People are willing to pay more for an Apple product because they perceive it as being higher quality. And look at news media. You can get news for free, but even so I subscribe to the Wall Street Journal because they provide depth and analysis that I think it's worth paying for.

When you go home at night, do you listen to music or do you say to yourself, "I can't hear another note, I just want to read the Wall Street Journal?"

I listen to music all the time. When I was four, I started playing the guitar, and when I was five, I was handed a computer. These are things I've lived with my entire life. I love music, and that's the reason I started Spotify. I make playlists for my daughter when I'm with her, and dinner playlists when I'm making dinner.

And do you still play the guitar?

Of course I do! I don't have a band anymore, but I play a lot with friends. METRO

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THE METRO LIST

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It's a brand new year. But for those of you who think we're getting off to a fresh start, a clean slate and all that, this week's Metro List should disabuse you of that notion. Talk about déjà vu all over again:

1 **Meryl Streep gets nominated for an Oscar.** Get out! It makes the 18th time the World's Greatest Actor (registered trademark) is nominated for an acting Academy Award. They should retire her category or something. Sorry, no more best actress category. It's now the Meryl Streep wannabe category. And the winner is ... Jennifer Lawrence, who's already been nominated three times, has one Oscar and is still only 23.

2 **Overweight politician vows to stick it to his enemies.** No, it's not Rob Ford, but New Jersey Governor Chris Christie doing his best Rob Ford imitation, denying he had anything to do with shutting down traffic on a busy commuter bridge out of spite, and complaining that his enemies are on a political vendetta. Speaking of political, Christie's final Imitation of Ford is to stand in the smoking crater of his career and believe he can get his ample bottom elected something other than dog catcher.

3 **French president has affair.** Francoise Hollande is having an affair with actress Julie Gayet. The only difference between this affair and those of former presidents such as Nicolas Sarkozy (who left his wife for supermodel Carla Bruni) François Mitterrand (who kept a second family), and Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, etc. is, er, nothing. Power is an aphrodisiac that transforms even the least favoured chef d'État. Oo-la-la. I've always wanted to write that.

4 **Rock star sticks his nose into Canadian environmental controversy.** Sir Paul McCartney took a moment with the baby seals in Newfoundland, posing with several admiring mammals on a convenient ice floe. Now Neil Young has decided to follow Macca's lead and has inserted himself into the national debate over the oilsands, the Keystone Gateway pipeline, and whatever. This is really nothing new for the iconic rock star, who's been protesting since he first picked up his guitar. Remember, he's the guy who inspired Sweet Home Alabama. Maybe somebody will write a rockin' song defending the oilsands. Maybe not.

5 **Royal couple visits Canada.** Charles and Camilla, that is. Like relatives who just can't stay away, The Prince of Wales and his Duchess will enjoy the nation's hospitality for four (more) days in May, visiting New Brunswick, Ontario and Saskatchewan, you lucky guys. They were just here in 2012. Governor General David Johnston made the announcement, adding, by way of discreet understatement, "Sharon and I are looking forward to seeing them once again, as they spend some time here in Canada." It is Charles' 17th visit, Camilla's third, so she has a lot of catching up to do.

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'Pseudoscience' 'paints' 'a' 'picture'

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Portraits revived from 'specimens'

An artist has created collaged replicas of famous paintings using hundreds of tiny photographs, gelatin capsules, vials, sequins and insect pins.

Michael Mapes, from New York state, painstakingly put together the "artificial specimens" to reimagine works by Dutch masters Rembrandt and Nicolaes Eliasz Pickenoy. METRO

'Pseudoscience' at centre of artwork

By collecting and compartmentalizing dissected photos and contrived specimens, Mapes toys with the notion of a "pseudoscientific" approach to creating art.

The 51-year-old explains to Metro that "this pseudoscientific metaphor serves as a kind of lens through which my artistic expression can be experienced in a complex and unique way." METRO

By the numbers

6,000

insect pins are used to create Mapes's unique portraits.

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Zuckerberg and co. are treading even closer to Twitter's toes this week with the addition of a Facebook trending bar. Personalized topics are gathered based on FB trends along with you and your pals' apparent likes/dislikes. Here's what you might want to know:

Ads: Unlike Twitter, FB spokespeople say trending topics can't be sponsored or promoted... for now.

One liners: Trending topics include a one-liner about the topic, giving a bit more context than the one-word trends of Twitter.

Private vs. public: While most people's Twitter feeds are public, FB users seem to keep their profiles on strict lockdown, which gives Twitter a leg up in figuring out what you're actually into. This means trends might be more closely linked to celebs and news outlets' likes and dislikes.

Comments

RE: Citizenship Changes Emphasize 'Speak White Ideology,' Report Finds, published online January 16

Having been through the citizenship process recently, I have to disagree with most of this think tank's findings.

The claim that applicants are tested on "economic self-sufficiency" is completely false. Moreover, barriers to citizenship are low, with only 3.6 per cent of citizenship applicants ultimately rejected. The most common reason for rejecting applicants is that they didn't live in Canada for the required three years.

The history section includes a lot about the waves of immigration that have shaped Canada, emphasizing the positive contribution of multiculturalism, pluralism, diversity and mutual respect. The overwhelming majority of applicants in my test session were non-white, and that seems to be quite normal.

The only reasonable point that the think tank makes relates to the processing delays. My application took 27 months, almost all of which involved my case file sitting in a pile waiting for someone to look at it. **Daniel Hassett, posted to metronews.ca**

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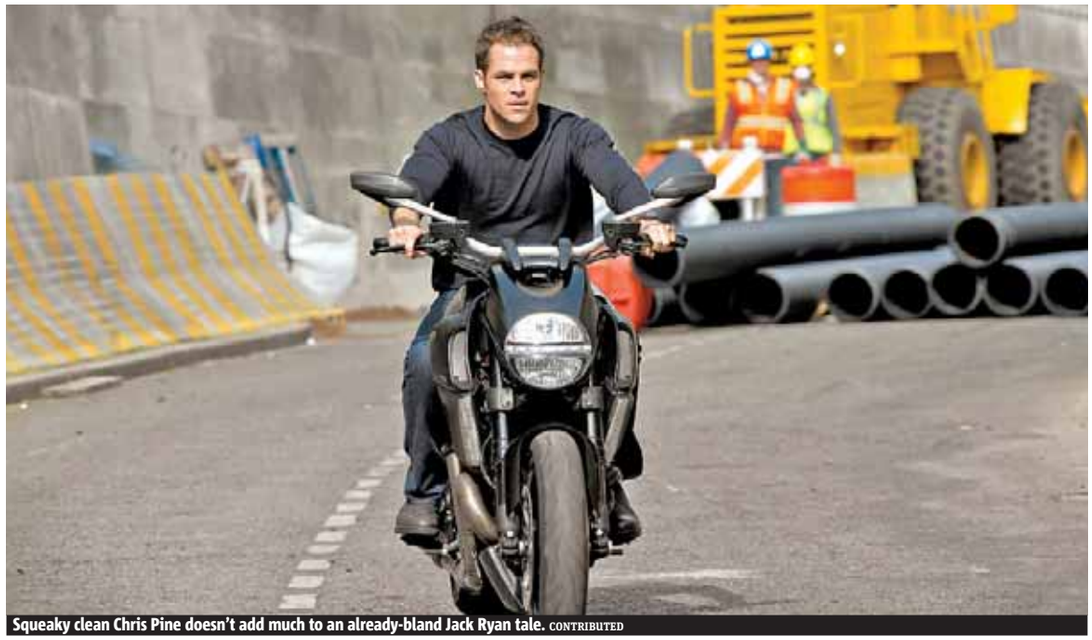
Synopsis

Ex-Marine Jack Ryan is back on screen after a 12-year break, but this time he looks like Captain Kirk. As played by Chris Pine (taking over from Alec Baldwin, Harrison Ford and Ben Affleck), CIA field agent Ryan discovers evidence of an upcoming terrorist attack. Leaving his suspicious girlfriend (Kiera Knightley) behind, he is sent to Moscow to continue the investigation by Intelligence boss Agent Harper (Kevin Costner). Dodging bullets and bad guys, he encounters Viktor Cherevin (Kenneth Branagh), an evil businessman with a plot to destabilize the global economy. Steve Gow sits in for Mark Breslin this week.

- Richard: ●●○○○
- Steve: ●●○○○



Squeaky clean Chris Pine doesn't add much to an already-bland Jack Ryan tale. CONTRIBUTED

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Pretty dry for a film spy

Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit. Chris Pine and a dull dialogue sink this Jack Ryan installment

Richard: Steve, Shadow Recruit is nothing fancy… and it's also nothing Clancy. As the first of the Ryan movies not based on a Tom Clancy novel, it feels quite generic. There is the usual intrigue and a couple of tense scenes, but what the movie doesn't have is the ear for dialogue of the other Ryan films. When you have a senior CIA agent muttering the line, "This is geopolitics, not couple's therapy," it's hard to know whether this is a satire of spy films or just badly written.

Steve: It certainly wasn't inspired writing, that's for sure. I get the feeling the genesis of this film came straight from a money-angling producer who somehow decided reviving a 12-year-old movie character like Jack Ryan would make better business sense than creative endeavour. The problem is, even if you look at the previous incarnations of the CIA operative — he's pretty indistinct. He's no James Bond. And vanilla Chris Pine doesn't add much to that blandness.

RC: True, but I really think that this is a case of a director with no affinity for the material. It's almost as if the movie was pieced together by people who had seen a lot of spy movies, but didn't really understand them. Add to that action scenes so frenetically edited it's often hard to see who is punching who through the flashes of light on the screen. A little clarity in those sequences would have gone a long way to make up for the ridiculous dialogue and underdeveloped characters.

SG: Absolutely. I had a hard time making sense of the action sequences since they were filmed with shaky handheld cameras in what seemed to be extreme close-up. Perhaps filmmaker Kenneth Branagh was focusing less on direction and more on playing the Russian antagonist in the film, which he does effectively enough in spite of the formulaic dialogue. Keira Knightly too, in the pretty unremarkable role of Ryan's unwitting operative wife, is fine — although I'm not sure what her attraction to the part was.

RC: Knightley was fine, but I thought Branagh played Cherevin with all the nuance of a Bond villain. He's ruthless, flamboyantly accented and super smart. Smart enough to bring down the global economy but not smart enough, apparently, to see through Chris Pine's terrible drunk act near the climax of the film.

Steve: True enough. And that probably exemplifies this film's biggest flaw. As much as the action is set at the pace of an overcaffeinated ferret, this thriller is pretty much boilerplate material with any subtle intricacies simplified for the sake of the neatly-capped plot. In the end, it's a pretty plain spy flick.

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Academy Awards.
American Hustle, Gravity get most nom love from Oscar

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Metro World News in Hollywood

The Academy announced its nominations for the 2014 Oscars Thursday morning, with David O. Russell's American Hustle and Alfonso Cuarón's Gravity tying for the most nominations, earning 10 each, while Steve McQueen's 12 Years a Slave was right behind with nine.

It's an incredibly crowded year, with nine films up for best picture, so voting for the final awards could go almost anyway, but we're predicting that the Hollywood Foreign Press got things almost exactly right with their major winners at the Golden Globes.

What is certain is that we'll find out what the Academy thinks on March 2.

Metro's predictions

Best picture: 12 Years a Slave

Best actor: Matthew McConaughey, Dallas Buyers Club

Best actress: Cate Blanchett, Blue Jasmine

Best supporting actor: Jared Leto, Dallas Buyers Club

Best supporting actress: Lupita Nyong'o, 12 Years a Slave

Best director: Alfonso Cuarón, Gravity

Biggest winners

American Hustle has the biggest profile in the most major categories, making it the best contender for a sweep — though that seems incredibly unlikely this year. And Judi Dench has to be pleased to make it into the Best Actress race for underdog Philomena.

Biggest losers

Certain films didn't seem to connect at all with the Academy, the most surprising being the Coen Brothers' Inside Llewyn Davis, which only earned two nods, for cinematography and sound mixing. And Saving Mr. Banks, which had been considered a contender for nominations at least for Emma Thompson and Tom Hanks, will have to make due with a best original score nod. But the biggest snub seems to be for Lee Daniels' The Butler, which wasn't nominated for a single award. Sorry, Oprah.

Her squeezed its way into the best picture race. CONTRIBUTED

American Hustle snagged 10 Oscar nominations on Thursday. CONTRIBUTED

Biggest surprises

It's definitely a treat to see Spike Jonze's quiet and fantastic Her squeeze its way into the best picture race, as well as Philomena, though neither film has that great a chance of winning the top prize. Hopefully the Academy, like the HFPA earlier this week, will award Jonze for best original screenplay as a consolation. And not seeing Academy favorite Tom Hanks nominated for anything despite well-received roles in Captain Phillips and Saving Mr. Banks is certainly a surprise, though apparently the Academy needed to make room for Jonah Hill, whom they seem to really like.

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Drama

The Invisible Woman

Director. Ralph Fiennes

Stars. Felicity Jones, Ralph Fiennes

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Felicity Jones is a revelation as Nelly Ternan, a 17-year-old seduced by Fiennes' middle aged and married Charles Dickens in 1857. Dickens forced her into the shadows and while little is known of the romance (they burned all letters) Fiennes has created a compelling, no nonsense portrait of a woman in pain. Ternan seems older than her years while the self-absorbed Dickens seems young for his. The film's tone is tasteful and restrained, verging on chilly.

ANNE BRODIE

Family/Animated

The Nut Job

Director. Peter Lepeniotis

Stars. Will Arnett, Katherine Heigl

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Paralleling the frenetic pace of its rodent star, The Nut Job certainly packs a lot of energy — even if the tale's slightly familiar. Based on his own short feature, Peter Lepeniotis's The Nut Job expands the story of a self-indulgent squirrel plotting the heist of a nut shop that hides its own conniving criminals. The comedy's cuddly forest creatures should surely win over the youngsters but an overactive storyline laced with predictable puns make The Nut Job mostly forgettable.

STEVE GOW

Comedy

Ride Along

Director. Tim Story

Stars. Ice Cube, Kevin Hart

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Short, screechy Ben (Hart) wants to marry the sister of tough, lone-wolf police officer, James (Ice Cube). But to do so, he has to prove himself to James by riding along with him on the job. Mild amusement ensues while Ben tries to win some respect and help bag a bad guy. There's nothing particularly new, exciting or even that funny about Ride Along — and a film this formulaic really can't afford to be this dull.

REGAN REID

Big names, small projects

Sundance kickoff. Robert Redford's indie love-in attracts actors looking to flex their thespian chops

Joseph Gordon-Levitt debuted his first feature film (Don Jon) at Sundance last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

As Kristen Stewart, Elisabeth Moss and Joseph Gordon-Levitt have learned, the Sundance Film Festival in the mountains of Utah is the ideal destination to get away from it all and work on that career shift.

Robert Redford's two-week celebration of independent cinema kicked off its 30th year Thursday in Park City, Utah, with a lineup that includes 117 feature films. One of them is Camp X-Ray, in which Stewart plays against type as a Guantanamo Bay guard who befriends a prisoner.

Stewart, who was last at the festival in 2010 when she was promoting her role as Joan Jett in The Runaways, says Camp X-Ray was one of the rare scripts she'd read that made her want to work again after her two-year acting hiatus following the Twilight movies.

"At my age it's difficult to find stuff that isn't completely derivative," said the 23-year-old in a recent interview. "Most parts are imitating something else that was popular."

With Snow White and the Huntsman 2 coming in 2015, Stewart's big-budget franchise days are far from over. "But it's a little bit more difficult to create the environment that I thrive in on a bigger movie," she explains. "I prefer doing smaller ones. They're quicker. I like intensive things and then I like to walk away."

For Gordon-Levitt, persistence has paid off. This will be his seventh consecutive year at Sundance and he'll be presenting the first three episodes of HitRecord on TV. It's the cable TV extension (airing on the Pivot network) of his HitRecord.org, a website dedicated to giving artists a platform to share and develop their work. "HitRecord started at Sundance in 2005 in a way," says Gordon-Levitt. "But it was more of an informal hobby."

Gordon-Levitt says the fest "feels like a home away from home," which made it the perfect place last year to debut his first feature film, the porn addiction tale Don Jon.

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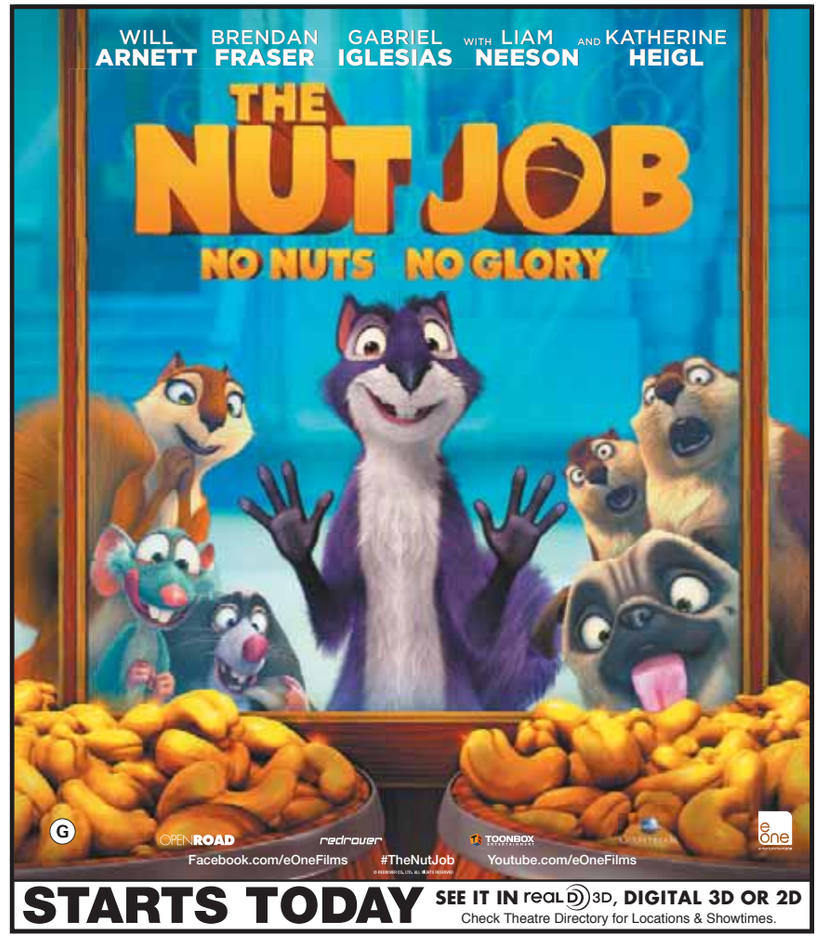

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Rescue (STC) Fri 12-2 Sat-Sun 12-2-4 Mon-Thu 12-2
To the Arctic (G) Fri-Thu 1

Dunbar Theatre 4555 Dunbar Street

Lone Survivor (14A) Fri 4-7-9:35 Sat-Sun 1:30-4-7-9:35 Mon-Thu 7-9:35

Fifth Avenue Cinemas 2110 Burrard Street

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Her (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-4:10-7:10-10
Inside Llewyn Davis (14A) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:20-7-9:35
The Invisible Woman (PG) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-6:40-9:25
Philomena (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4-6:30-9:15

Pacific Cinémathèque 1131 Howe Street

Asphalt Watches (STC) Fri 8:20
Canada's Top Ten Shorts (STC) Sun 6:30
Dim Cinema (STC) Mon 7:30
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Rhymes for Young Ghouls (STC) Fri 6:30
Singin' in the Rain (G) Sun 1
Tom at the Farm (STC) Sat 6:30
Vic & Flo Saw a Bear (STC) Sat 8:30 Wed 6:30-8:30 Thu 6:30
The Visitor (STC) Thu 8:30

Park Theatre 3440 Cambie Street

August: Osage County (14A) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 1-3:50-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15

Rio on Broadway 1660 E. Broadway

12 Monkeys (STC) Fri 11:30
Her (14A) Fri 6:30-9 Sat-Sun 4:30-7-9:45 Mon-Thu 7-9:45

Scotiabank Theatre Vancouver 900 Burrard St.

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Vancity Theatre Vancouver International Film Centre 1181 Seymour Street

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The Rocket (STC) Fri 6:30 Sun 4:45-6:30 Mon-Wed 6:30
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Vancouver Aquarium 4D Experience Theatre 845 Avison Way

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The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri-Mon 12:50-4:05-7:20-10:35 Tue 7:20-10:35 Wed-Thu 12:50-4:05-7:20-10:35
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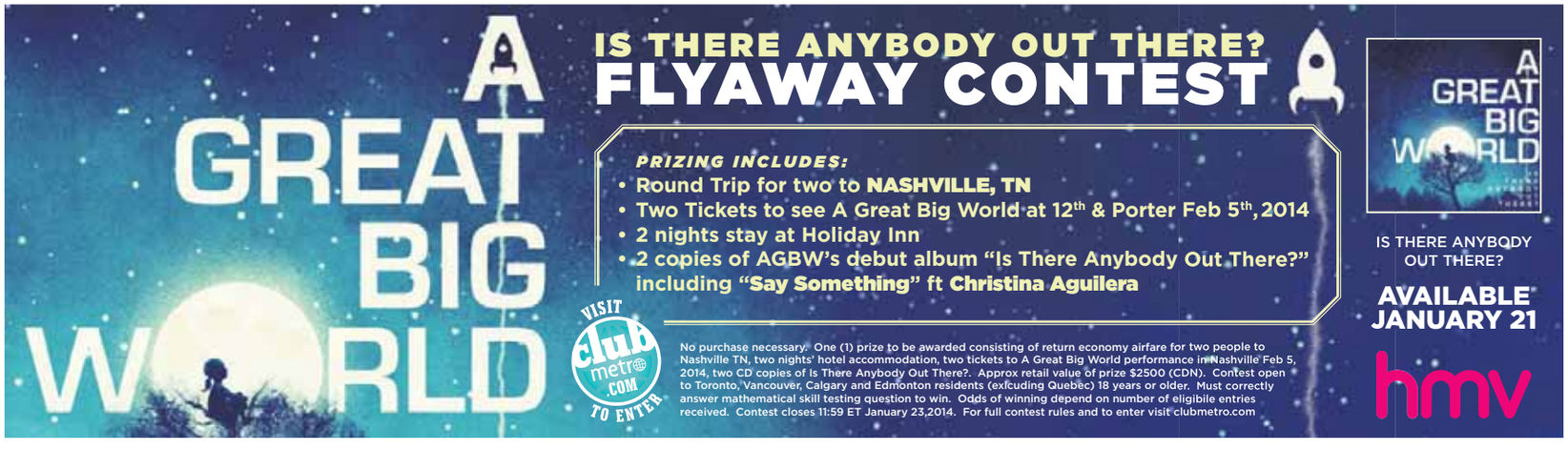
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President's own story: 15 years ago I started to have arthritis, prostate, kidney, snoring and sleep apnea problems, which were all helped quickly with natural health products. I made it my life's purpose to help others. ***Nick A. Jerch***

#1

ARTHRITIS

NPN 80042283 Helps to relieve joint pain associated with osteoarthritis.

Truthful actual experiences from real people:

■ **For 40 years I had injections and drugs and finally Bell Shark Cartilage #1** spared me the endless torture I suffered day and night. Pat Laughlin, Coldwater, ON ■ **My hip is 95% pain free.** Pain killing drugs mask and Bell Shark Cartilage heals. Rebecca Hite, Oroville, CA ■ **I tried another brand and pain came back.** 2 weeks on Bell and pain is gone again. Gert Dupuis, Hanmer, ON ■ **For 32 years I cried barrels of tears.** Was in and out of hospitals costing society tens of thousands of dollars. I have taken many thousands of pills that nearly killed me. Finally 3 bottles of Bell Shark Cartilage costing less than $100 stopped a lifetime of suffering without side effects. Eleanor Sauson, Shigawake, QC ■ **I suffered for years with sciatica.** I tried everything and finally after taking a specially processed shark cartilage I was pain free in 2 weeks. After this experience I realised I could help many of those 5 million Canadian that suffer every day and night and I started to sell this same type of shark cartilage and helped hundreds of thousands of men and women to have less pain or no pain at all. Nick A. Jerch, President of Bell Lifestyle Products. ■ **Many people on our website write:** "Can walk again for hours";"Can climb stairs without hanging on to railing";"First time in 15 years can sleep at night" **Rheumatoid pain** in joints down 90%, same for my sister…hundreds of testimonials all with full names and towns. Shark bones/cartilage was a previously thrown away by-product of the food industry. No sharks are caught for their cartilage. Don't let any activist confuse you.

High Blood Pressure?

#26

NPN 80040870. To maintain cardiovascular health in adults.
High blood pressure is called the silent killer. If your BP is higher than normal, try to get it down to about 120/80. For many people it is easy to control. If it does not work for you we refund your money. On our website you will find over 50 testimonials with full names and towns from all over USA and Canada. Most of them have listed phone numbers and are happy to talk about the relief they had. No money was paid for testimonials. **Dr. C. Hammoud M.H., Ph.D.** recommends this effective fish peptide blood pressure natural product. So does Dr. Julian Whitaker M.D.

Truthful actual experiences from real people: ■ **I was on 3 blood pressure drugs** that did not work well. After starting Bell #26 my readings are generally well below 120/80. *Dona A. Anderson, 76, Sooke, BC* ■ **My blood pressure was 157/90** and I had side effects from prescription drugs. I bought a monitor. After 6 months on Bell #26 I was down to 120/80. *Toni L. McCuistion, 52, Elizabethtown, PA* ■ **Blood pressure went from 170/110 down to 110/70.** Was on three medications that didn't help. Within a month on Bell#26 my BP dropped to 110/70. I thought I didn't need it anymore and the BP went up to 170/110 again. I will now stay on Bell. I am surprised about its effectiveness without side effects. Bell exceeds my expectations. Patrick McManus, 52, Edmonton, AB ■ **At work my driver's medical** test was too high at 170/100. After taking Bell #26 for a few days I went down to 128/84 which allowed me to pass my work medical. *Kris Geier, 48, Windsor, ON.*

#66

Calming Stress

NPN 80041855 Helps to promote healthy mood balance, relaxation, use as a sleep aid and mental stress.

Truthful experience by people: ■ **I am calm now in stressful situations!** In the past 10 years I had a very short fuse, because my job is quite unpredictable. After I started Bell Calming Chronic Stress #66 the difference was amazing. My reactions to stressful situations are totally changed. I also have more energy, too. I don't yell at others. I have more patience and I am much happier as well. Thank you. Mary-Anne Thompson, 61, Lasalle, ON ■ **I suffered greatly from anxiety.** Standard treatments did not make me feel good. So my mother bought Bell Calming Chronic Stress #66 and it has been helping me a lot. I am on my 3rd bottle. Remington Fletcher, 19, Ponty Pool, ON ■ **I have a very high stress career** in the film industry. There was no time for relaxation or meditation as you are on demand for 12-15 hours a day with no breaks. Since using Bell #66I am able to focus on the tasks at hand with more patience. Thank you for your help! Christina Ollson, 36, Burnaby, BC ■ **It's exactly one year since we began using Bell Calming Chronix Stress #66 for our two sons.** Our local health food store recommended it. Both of our sons suffer from anxiety disorders. Our older son (14) was going through puberty and had become quite unmanageable, because he is much larger than I am. We are delighted with the immediate results. Our older son became his former sweet self and our younger son's (12) anxiety is dramatically reduced. Thank you so much. Donna Van Veen, 48, Grand Prairie, AB

REMEMBERING & IQ

#36

NPN 80042656 Helps to enhance memory and cognitive function in adults.

Actual results by people: ■ **Imagine how frustrating it is for someone with a Ph.D.** who has difficulties to concentrate and remembering something that happened yesterday. Now that I use your Super IQ Brain Function #36 I seem to be back to normal. I recommend it to anyone experiencing memory loss of any kind. Glenn A. Guidry Ph.D., 55, Nashville, TN ■ **As a student I was surprised with final exams results of 95%!** I started taking Bell IQ Function #36 half a year ago when I had trouble remembering things in a course. Things changed drastically when I started to take these capsules. I could concentrate and excel better than ever before. Exams results were 95% correct! Theresa Williamson, 31, Toronto, ON ■ **I bought the Super IQ Brain Function for my grandma, who has dementia.** Her thoughts were wandering in and out. Since she is taking #36 she recognizes us all, sings again and remembers all the lyrics. Instead of sleeping pills she is drinking the Bell Sleep & Relax Tea #21a and she is not groggy anymore in the morning. She is a delightful person again. We are all grateful. Wendy Simpson, 52, Calgary, AB

#60

Guaranteed better than all others they used say dozens of delighted users with full names and towns on the Bell website. Works by cleansing blood inside rather than attacking skin from the outside and leaving the actual cause untreated. Here are a few examples:

ACNE
Eczema & Psoriasis

NPN 80044199. Alternative for skin conditions such as Eczema, Psoriasis.

Actual Results. ■ **After 1 week** my severe acne became quite mild and after 2 weeks it had completely vanished. I suffered for 5 stressful years of having acne and extremely dry, irritated skin. Bell #60 **"saved my life"**. My skin is now beautiful and you would never know I suffered from acne and other skin problems for years. *Zach Lustgarten, 18, Oshawa, ON* ■ **Spent 30 minutes every day** popping and picking my face. Since puberty I had acne and irritating itching. After starting Bell #60 my acne cleared up, itching stopped, no more breakouts. Make-up looks nice on my face again. Thanks for an amazing natural product that really works. *Adwoa Mainoo, 38, Etobicoke, ON*

RED NOSE/CHEEKS ROSACEA gone in less than a week. Was fighting it for 30 years with topical creams and prescriptions without getting satisfaction. I live a healthy life, don't smoke and don't drink. People thought a reddish face comes from drinking. This is a myth. Will take it for the rest of my life when needed. *Donald E. Gillespie, 56, Innisfil, ON* ■ **My husbands suffered for 28 years** with Rosacea. It has been a nightmare for him physically and emotionally. It was frustrating seeing so many doctors and specialists and spending lots of money without success. Bell #60 worked within a short time. Itching stopped quickly. We've finally found our savior product. *Lynn Litman, 54, Coeur d'Arlene, ID*

PSORIASIS ■ **I had severe psoriasis** over 95% of my body. Last 5 years I have stunned every doctor and dermatologist. I spent tons of money on remedies. After I got Bell #60, I've never seen anything work as fast in my life. Within 2 days I saw my skin clearing up. I'm speechless. It was inexpensive compared with what I spent before. *Jessica Shantz, 25, Dawson Creek, BC* ■ **My husband had psoriasis so bad** he scratched until it was bleeding. We went for 5 years to doctors and dermatologists who prescribed special soaps and expensive creams that were of no help. Bell #60 brought complete relief before the bottle was finished. Thanks so much for all the Bell products. We use many of them now. *Ruthann Bennett, 64, Pittsburgh, PA*

ECZEMA For 6 years my family doctor and dermatologist tried many medications and creams. After taking Bell #60 for just a few days my eczema itching stopped and my face started to clear up. After suffering so long I am amazed with the results. *Andy Yuen, 58, Vancouver, BC* ■ **I am a minister** and had eczema on my right hand for some 30 years. This has been an embarrassing problem as I do a lot of handshaking. Expensive prescriptions did very little. My granddaughter finally helped by recommending Bell #60 and it worked within days. I take it now when needed. I hope others will be helped just as well. *Rev. Larry K. Raynes, 70, Taylors, SC*

Bladder & Yeast Infection

#31

NPN 80038535 A diuretic to help relieve mild urinary tract infections.

True success stories by women: ■ **Bladder & Yeast Infection #31 works within a day or two!** My experience in the last 4 years is that whenever I feel symptoms of an infections I take two capsules for a day or two and the infection is gone. I love this product. Pat Pearce, 53, Brantford, ON ■ **30 years of bladder infections gone!** For 30 years my doctor prescribed antibiotics. As soon as the medication finished the next bladder infection came back. After 2 days taking Bell # 31 I noticed a complete relief of my infection I had all these 30 years. God bless you all for helping all of us women. Emell Whitaker, 69, Bronx, NY ■ **Bladder infections kept on coming back.** Since starting Bell Bladder & Yeast Infection #31 my infection was gone and I now take it from time to time for prevention and I have no more bladder or yeast infections. I told family and friends how good Bell products are. Thank you! Maria Racz, 60, Vancouver, BC ■ **Went to the bathroom 10 times in an hour and more frequently at night!.** In the last 2 years I went a number of times to the doctor and got different antibiotics and none of them worked. My urination would burn enormously. I bought your Bell Bladder & Yeast infection #31. I can now work all day or sleep all night without getting up to go to the bathroom. I am not afraid anymore to drink water when I am thirsty. Praise the Lord! Thank you! Harriett Priester, 60, North Charleston, SC

100% Truthful testimonials with full name and towns. Real people you can call, if you want more reassurance. More testimonials on the Bell website. No money is paid for testimonials.To ensure this product is right for you, always read label and follow the instructions.

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170 Schoolhouse Street

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The Metropolitan Opera: Falstaff - Encore (STC) Sat 9
The Nut Job (G) Fri 12:45-3 Sat 11-12:45-3 Sun-Thu 12:45-3
The Nut Job 3D (G) Fri-Thu 5:15-7:30-9:45
Ride Along (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-3-5:30-8-10:30
Saving Mr. Banks (G) Fri 1-4-7-10 Sat 1:05-4-7-10 Sun 4:10-7-10 Mon-Thu 1-4-7-10
The Suspect (STC) Fri-Wed 12:35-3:45-6:50-9:55 Thu 12:35-3:45-6:50
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Sun 12-2:50-6:45-10:40 Mon 1:30-5:30-9:30 Tue 12-2:50-6:45-10:40 Wed-Thu 1:30-5:30-9:30 Fri-Sun 1-5:15-9:15 Mon 4:45-8:45 Tue 1-5:15-9:15 Wed-Thu 4:45-8:45

Clova
5732-176th St., Surrey,

Frozen (G) Fri-Thu 7
Last Vegas (PG) Fri-Thu 9:10

Hollywood 3 Cinema
7125-138th Street, Surrey

47 Ronin 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 6:30
Captain Phillips (PG) Sat-Sun 1:50
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 (G) Fri-Thu 4:30
Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:30
Gravity (PG) Fri-Thu 9:25
The Hunger Games: Catching Fire (PG) Fri 4:30-6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 1:30-4:30-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 4:30-6:30-9:20
Philomena (PG) Fri-Thu 7:20
Thor: The Dark World 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 8:55
Walking With Dinosaurs (G) Sat-Sun 12
Walking With Dinosaurs 3D (G) Fri 4:30 Sat-Sun 2:30-4:30 Mon-Thu 4:30

Strawberry Hill Grande
12161-72nd Ave, Surrey

American Hustle (14A) Fri-Tue 12:50-4-7:15-10:25 Wed 4-7:15-10:25 Thu 12:50-4-7:15-10:25 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1

August: Osage County. HANDOUT

Anchorman 2: The Legend Continues (PG) Fri-Thu 10:25
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Devil's Due (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 1:30-3:50-6:10-8:25-10:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 1:30-3:45-6-8:15-10:30
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Lone Survivor (14A) Fri-Sun 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:35 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:40-7:35-10:20
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The Nut Job 3D (G) Fri-Thu 3:15-5:30-7:45-10
The Wolf of Wall Street (18A) Fri-Thu 12:45-4:45-8:45

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12 Years a Slave (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Fri 4:20-6:30-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Sat-Sun 1:20-4:20-6:30-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Mon 6:30-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Tue 4:20-6:30-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating Wed-Thu 6:30-9:30
Dedh Ishqiya (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Fri 4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Sat-Sun 1:10-4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Mon 7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Tue 4:25-7:45 Dolby Stereo Digital, Stadium Seating, Sub-Titled Wed-Thu 7:45
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Rialto
1732-152nd Street, White Rock

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Criterion 4 White Rock
2381 King George Highway

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The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (G) Fri-Thu 9:15

Colossus Langley
20090-91A Ave, Langley

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Crackle's streaming catalogue of free but often unfamiliar movies and shows gets a boost with Jerry Seinfeld's Comedians in Cars Getting Coffee. The app works great, just needed fresh content.

Video game review

Name. The Wolf Among Us

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Solving fairy tale murders may not seem like serious business, but set against the gritty streets of New York where Prince Charming and company have sacrificed their Ever After lives for ones of dysfunction and mistrust, it gets real. As Bad Wolf detective Bigby, your decisions and behaviour affect others with the episodic story and evidence changing noticeably in response. You interrogate foul-mouthed frogs, have throw-down fights with rage-aholics, and commiserate with Snow White. It doesn't feel like you're getting anywhere in Episode One, but it sure is entertaining. **KRIS ABEL**

Swamp songs, cosmic rays and the DPRK

SOUND CHECK
Alan Cross
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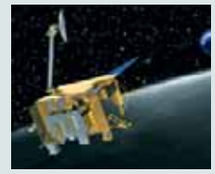
Three pieces of music you've just got to hear

A Lizard State/ King Krule

A swampy, True Blood (and mildly NSFW) sort of song. Very cool, Mr. Hitchcock (you'll see what I mean).

Escape to North Korea/Pacman and Peson

Yes, *to* North Korea. These DC rappers dreamed of being the first outside act to film a music video in the DPRK. They did it. Your move, Mr. Rodman.



Random Cosmic Rays/CRaTER

The Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter has an on-board module that reads cosmic rays as music, which it then broadcasts to Earth in real time. If this is anything to go by, the universe is pretty blissed out. Take that, Mr. Eno.

Online spinoff

CW resurrects popular Veronica Mars series

The CW says it's developing an online spinoff of the Veronica Mars series.

Series creator Rob Thomas has agreed to do the digital version, CW president Mark Pedowitz told a meeting of the Television Critics Association this week.

The decision to proceed with the spinoff was made Tuesday and details have yet to be worked out, including the cast and characters, the CW said.

Veronica Mars, which was cancelled in 2007 after three seasons, is enjoying a resurgence. A film based on the show about a crime-solving teen, played by Kristen Bell, was funded by the crowd-funding site Kickstarter. The movie is due out in March.

A debut date for the online spinoff was not announced.

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Transgender actress hopes Brave New Girls will send message of acceptance

Jenna Talackova. New Canadian reality TV series explores lives of 'regular girls trying to make it'

Transgender model and former Miss Universe Canada contestant Jenna Talackova, centre, with cast members Dajana Radovanovic, right, and Angela Perry star in the new television show Brave New Girls. NATHAN DENETTE/THE CANADIAN PRESS

After taking on tycoon Donald Trump and becoming an advocate for equal rights as the first transgender Miss Universe Canada contestant in 2012, Jenna Talackova was swimming in offers promising fame.

"I was pitched many shows when I was in L.A.," the statuesque, six-foot-one blonde said in a recent interview. "My agent kept sending me down there and it just didn't align with my personality.

"Dating shows and all these kinds of things — it wasn't the message I was trying to give out to the world and so I lost a lot of confidence."

The 25-year-old did like one show idea — one in which she would train to become a Victoria's Secret model, a longtime goal of hers — but it didn't work out.

And then she met the producers of E's new original Canadian series Brave New Girls, which premieres Sunday at 10 p.m. EST.

Talackova said she wanted to star in the reality series because it's Canadian and offered the chance to move from Vancouver to Toronto to pursue her dreams of modelling and acting.

"I just hope I make it more socially acceptable for anybody that's different from society's kind of person," said Talackova, who decided to fully transition into a woman at age 14 and had sex reassignment surgery at age 19.

"So I hope this show sends that message — to accept people for who they are."

The show also stars Talackova's friend Dajana Radovanovic, a model who's finishing her criminology degree and wants Talackova to focus on her goals. Also featured is her more free-wheeling cousin Angela Perry, who wants her to loosen up.

Perry wanted to be on the show to support what she felt was a positive message and "a way to promote understanding and acceptance."

Quoted

"What a person doesn't understand they usually become scared of ... I've got to realize that by telling my story, exposing my life, that I'm making it socially acceptable for all the younger women, transgendered women, out there."

Jenna Talackova

"We're not in medieval times anymore," she said.

Radovanovic felt it was "an amazing platform" for young women and people from all walks of life.

"Just to see Jenna living a regular life like everybody else, that's probably the main message, and just to see that we're all just regular girls trying to make it."

It's not a smooth road, though. In the premiere of the half-hour, eight-episode series, Talackova expresses interest in an apartment but agents for the building express concern about her "profile." Her history also scares off a guy at a bar.

"This is just such a little problem with what transgendered women go through," said Talackova, who was originally barred from competing in Trump's Miss Universe Canada because of her gender at birth. After threatening to take Trump to court, she was allowed in and placed in the Top 12.

"My good friend (transgender actress) Laverne Cox was recently on the Katie Couric show and she was just brilliant. She was talking about all the injustice going on with transgendered women and all the hate crimes, all the murders every other day in America, and that's really what matters," added Talackova.

"Me getting discriminated against when it comes to finding an apartment is so little compared to what's really going on with transgendered women. So I just hope that we can keep shedding light on these kind of issues."

Talackova admits she's been uncomfortable with being identified by the word "transgender" in the past, and she doesn't want it to be her "hook" as she tries to make it in show business.

"But through this show, it kind of made me comfortable with who I am, and if I can help one person, then I'm living my purpose," she said. "It's not that I don't want to be associated with it, it's part of my life, I just think I've worked so hard to transform myself."

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Cyber hybrids of Intelligence not so far-fetched, says Canuck star

Meghan Ory. Actress who plays Riley O'Neil surmises that it won't be long before we all have chips implanted in our brains

Meghan Ory, left, and Josh Holloway of Intelligence. CONTRIBUTED

The super-tech hero of CTV's new action drama Intelligence is always wired and always connected, thanks to the microchip implanted in his brain.

And although his globe-trotting escapades are entirely fiction, Canuck co-star Meghan Ory says the technology on display really isn't all that far-fetched.

"The thing that's really cool about the show is it's not science that's 100 years in the future — we're maybe 10 or 20 years away from this being possible," Ory said during a visit to Toronto last June.

"We're getting there. And this is just sort of the first peek at what may be to come, which is what I think is really exciting. We're all going to have chips in our brains," she added, chuckling.

Former Lost star Josh Holloway returns to TV as intelligence agent Gabriel Vaughn, a human super-computer whose digital capabilities offer a reboot of sorts to the '70s drama The Six Million Dollar Man.

The Victoria-bred Ory noted the CTV/CBS series has been billed as The Six Billion Dollar Man, but said Gabriel's powers highlight all sorts of modern dilemmas about the role technology increasingly plays in our day-to-day lives.

"It brings up the question of: What is our relationship with technology? What is too much and how much invasion of privacy do we want and how much access do we want all the time?" said Ory, most recently seen on the fantasy series Once Upon a Time.

And Gabriel struggles with that constantly. "He's the most expensive weapon that's ever been built, anything with an electronic signature he can access with his brain, so he's very powerful but he's also a human," Ory noted. "He's led by his emotions and that makes him a little bit unpredictable and he's a bit reckless. He doesn't like to follow the rules and that's where (my character) comes in because (she's) very by the book."

The 31-year-old Ory plays Riley, a whipsmart secret service agent who is brought on to protect the intelligence agency's biggest investment. And though she seems green, there's more to her than meets the eye, said Ory.

"She's been through some stuff, she's a tough cookie and she knows how to handle herself."

Their tense relationship offers a bit of humour and extra drama to the weekly missions, added Ory. And since every superhero needs a worthy adversary, she promised there will be a "super-villain" to challenge Gabriel's unique abilities. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Watch it...

- Intelligence airs Mondays at 10 p.m. on CTV.

Jessica Brown-Findlay

CW to air mini series about search for Holy Grail

The CW network says it has acquired a miniseries about the search for the Holy Grail. The cast of the four-hour project, Labyrinth, includes former Downton Abbey star Jessica Brown-Findlay, along with Vanessa Kirby, Sebastian Stan and John Hurt. The miniseries centres on a 13th-century teenager and a modern woman, and their shared quest for the grail, the cup said to have been used by Jesus Christ. Labyrinth is adapted from Kate Mosse's bestselling novel of the same name. An air date wasn't announced for the drama, which has appeared in Britain and elsewhere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Nothing plastic about Michelle's women's lib message on her 50th

Michelle Obama

Michelle Obama turns 50 today, so People magazine asked her about plastic surgery. While the First Lady hasn't had any work done — and doesn't have plans for any — she's not taking the option off the table. "Women should have the freedom to do whatever they need to do to feel good about themselves," she says. "Right now, I don't imagine that I would go that route, but I've also learned to never say never."

Twitter

@ralphmaccio
My knee jerk — Paul Greengrass snubbed. Beautifully directed Captain Phillips. & No Tom Hanks — don't get me started. Congrats 2 nominees.

@TheEllenShow
The #Oscars theme is movie heroes! Glad they specified the "movie" part. First I thought it was about sandwiches. That'd also be a good one.

Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Orlando and Miranda's Bloom-ing friendship is the perfect break-up story

And the award for friendliest breakup goes to ... Miranda Kerr and Orlando Bloom. The pair called it quits last year and share custody of three-year-old son Flynn, and they've been spotted out and about being chummy plenty since the separation was announced. They even hit up the same Golden Globes after-party together last weekend. "We're good friends despite being separated," Kerr tells People magazine. "And we want the best for each other."

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OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Benedict's sex appeal a mystery to Sherlock producers

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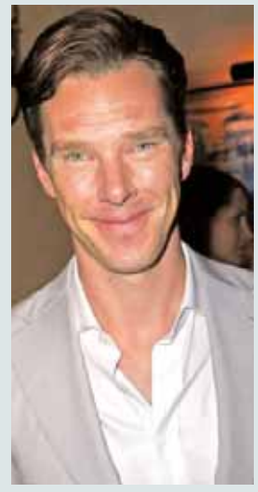

Are you surprised Benedict Cumberbatch is the hunk that Tumblr says he is? So are the producers of Sherlock, who hired him.

Sherlock showrunner Steven Moffat and producer Sue Vertue, who cast the thespian in the role, didn't believe he could be regarded as, well, sexy.

"When we first cast him, people were saying, 'You promised us a sexy one!'" remembers Vertue as part of this week's Entertainment Weekly cover story. "People weren't thinking of Benedict in that light at all."

His name also didn't help. "When people said, 'Who's playing Sherlock Holmes?' and we'd say, 'Benedict Cumberbatch,' everyone looked very vague," recalls Vertue. "Then we'd always have to spell his name."

Everyone had their doubts before the first episode aired. "For me, it is a winter show," says Cumberbatch. "It's not something you watch when you've got the dying light on the hottest day. So I was a bit despondent," he recalls.

But after the debut — and when he saw how quickly social media latched onto the BBC drama — Cumberbatch realized his life was going to change forever. "The immediate response was exciting," he says. "My name: trending, trending, trending. I didn't even know what 'trending' was before that night."

"After the first episode," added Vertue, "we never had to spell his name."

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Hunkering down indoors with family, food and a few bottles of wine has become a winter tradition in Canada.

While power outages may put a damper on your culinary ambitions, you can still explore new grape varieties by candlelight.

Spain's eclectic collection of berries is mostly indigenous. Though some aren't that easy to warm up to, garnacha (or grenache as it's known in France) meets most palates in the middle.

With a ripe, rounded fruit expression and, depending on the age of the vines, a bright, naturally berry sweet flavour, Spanish garnacha is a true bridge between the old and new wine worlds.

I predicted its 2014 popularity in a column earlier this month, and if you need confirmation, fill your mouth with Bodegas San Alejandro's 2010 Las Rocas Garnacha ($14.99 - $19.90).

Made in the Calatayud region in the province of Zaragoza's southwestern corner, its soothing, black-fruited body cruises to a finish of dark spice, tannin and subtle oak. Try with seasonal dishes like stew and meaty chili — if you have electricity.

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This recipe makes 12 rolls. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Take fresh spring rolls in a fowl direction

Appetizer. Typically made with shrimp and vegetables, this version adds chicken

When paired with crunchy jicama, carrots and cucumber, the chicken shines as a spring roll filling.

Ingredients

Dipping sauce
- 1/4 cup each smooth natural peanut butter and apricot jam
- 2 tbsp each soy sauce and rice or cider vinegar
- Hot sauce, to taste

Spring rolls
- 2 oz dried bean or rice thread noodles
- 1/2 English cucumber, peeled and halved lengthwise
- 4-oz peeled jicama root
- 12 large rice-paper wrappers (8-inch round or larger)
- 1/2 cup shredded carrots
- 2 avocados, pitted and thinly sliced
- 1 lb cooked boneless, skinless chicken breast meat, pulled or cut into strips
- 12 large fresh mint leaves

1. Dipping sauce: In bowl stir together peanut butter, jam, soy sauce and vinegar. Season with hot sauce, then set aside.

2. Place noodles in bowl. Cover with hot water. Soak 5 minutes, or until softened. Drain in mesh strainer; set aside.

3. Use spoon to scrape out and discard the seeds from cucumber halves. Cut each piece into thin strips. Set aside. Cut jicama into thin slices, then cut each slice into thin matchsticks.

4. Fill bowl (at least several inches larger than the rice wrappers) with warm water. Soak 1 wrapper until just barely softened, 10 seconds. Carefully remove the rice wrapper from the water and lay flat on the counter. Place a small bundle of noodles along one edge of the wrapper. Top the noodles with a bit each of cucumber, jicama, carrots, avocado and chicken, then top with a mint leaf.

5. Roll the wrapper, starting with the filling side, folding the ends over the fillings as you roll to form a tight cylinder. Repeat with the remaining wrappers and fillings. Serve with the dipping sauce.

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Coming up: FUSE ft. PuSh Festival

Next Friday, head to the Vancouver Art Gallery for a special FUSE event in honour of The PuSh Festival. The two are joining forces to co-present a special edition of one of the city's best art parties that sees the gallery transformed into a hub of activity and entertainment. Check out visiting PuSh artists, a unique poster project, performances by The Chop Theatre, DJs, and catch Cris Derksen's experimental hip-hop cello performance. It all goes down starting at 8 p.m. until late. vanartgallery.bc.ca.

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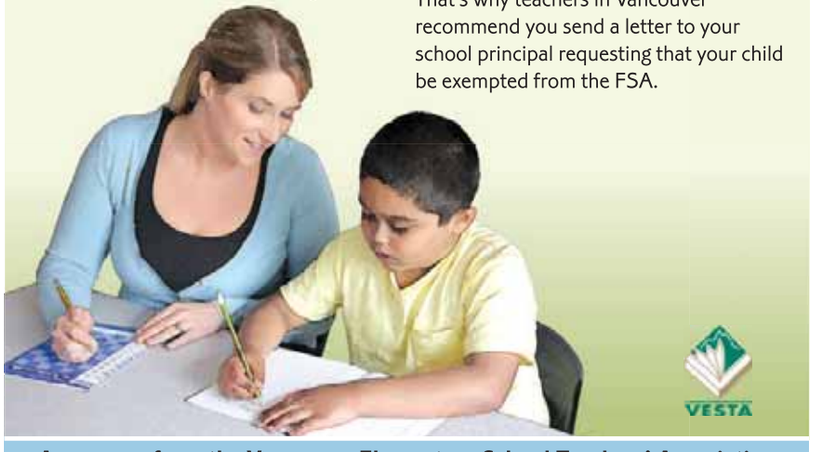

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WHL

Giants head coach Hay has shot at 600th win

Don Hay made it big on the Western Hockey League coaching scene during his time with the Kamloops Blazers.

Don Hay
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It seems appropriate that he should have the chance to hit a major career milestone in the city where he rose to prominence.

Hay will go for his 600th career victory as a head coach on Friday, when his Vancouver Giants take on the Blazers at the Interior Savings Centre.

Ken Hodge and Lorne Molleken are still the only two coaches in WHL history to hit the 600-win plateau, although Hay, with three Memorial Cup championships during his distinguished head coaching career, will soon join them, whether it happens Friday or it doesn't.

Two of his Memorial Cups came in back-to-back years (1994 and 1995) when he was bench boss with the Blazers.

The Giants have six wins in their last 10 games, and currently sit seventh in the WHL's Western Conference. They were eight points back of the Victoria Royals, a B.C. Division opponent, for the third spot in the conference as of Thursday's deadline.

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Coyotes defenceman Oliver Ekman-Larsson and goalie Mike Smith protect their goal from the Canucks' Daniel Sedin on Thursday night in Phoenix.
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Missing: Canucks' goal-scoring touch

NHL. Vancouver blanked by Coyotes, round out California-Arizona road trip 0-for-3 with 1 goal

On Thursday

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Coyotes	Canucks

Mike Smith stopped 28 shots for his first shutout of the season, Antoine Vermette had a power-play goal in the first period, and the Phoenix Coyotes beat the Vancouver Canucks 1-0 on Thursday night.

In a game full of penalties and killed power plays, the Coyotes got stellar goaltending and just enough offence while the Canucks continued to struggle on offence. Phoenix also got a break on a reviewed goal in the third period.

Vancouver lost for the eighth time in nine games as an apparent goal from captain Henrik Sedin near the midpoint of the third was waved off after a replay review.

Smith stopped Kevin Bieksa's shot but the rebound came to Sedin, who knocked the puck into the net with his body. The Canucks have one goal in their last three games and lost all three on their road trip to Southern California and Arizona.

Still, Vancouver had a chance to draw even after a high-sticking double-minor against centre Martin Hanzal. The Canucks were on a power play for all but the last four seconds of the game, with six attackers for the final minute, but failed to score.

The teams combined for five power plays in the first period, three for the Canucks and two for the Coyotes. Phoenix scored on its second man-advantage situation with 7:09 remaining in the period.

Keith Yandle faked a shot from the point and passed to Vermette in front of the red line almost directly to Lack's left. Vermette took the tough-angle shot and the puck glanced off a Canucks defender and past Lack.

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New picks have past connections to Whitecaps

MLS. Vancouver side takes centre back Dean and midfield Lewis in 2014 SuperDraft

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For Christian Dean and Andre Lewis, there was already a sense of familiarity with the Vancouver Whitecaps.

The Whitecaps selected Dean, a centre back with the California Golden Bears of the NCAA Pacific-12 Conference, with the third overall pick in Thursday's MLS SuperDraft, then took Lewis, a youth international and midfielder from Jamaica, with the seventh overall pick.

Dean, 20, played with Omar Salgado, the Whitecaps striker who has had the last two seasons disrupted by a foot injury, at the U.S. under-20 national camp.

Lewis, 19, knows of the Whitecaps because of the club's Jamaican striker Darren Mattocks, who will enter his third season with the Vancouver side.

"I'm a fan of Vancouver because of Darren Mattocks," said Lewis in a conference call with reporters.

Lewis, listed at five-foot-nine, is known for his creative abilities with the ball in the midfield and can play both the right and left side.

Coming to a club with a fellow countryman was something Lewis was looking forward to.

"Any team, anywhere I go, I want to be with a Jamaican, you know," he said.

From the sounds of it, being himself means he comes equipped with an amiable personality and sense of humour, too.

"I'm pretty cool," said Lewis. "I love to have fun with my friends. I love to just give jokes ... and laugh all day. I'm just a pretty cool person that loves to observe what's going on and I always want to learn new stuff. That's just me."

Sanvezzo saga

Major League Soccer commissioner Don Garber spoke regarding the saga of the Vancouver Whitecaps and their star striker heading to Queretaro FC in Mexico.

- The Whitecaps said Thursday after the SuperDraft that there was no update on the situation.
- However, according to Goal.com, Garber told reporters in Philadelphia: "There's been a transfer that's going to happen.... Ultimately I'm very disappointed. He had a contract."
- "But we all deal with a world where players are not happy where they are and you have to manage through that."

Canada West volleyball

T-Birds set to take on Bobcats

The UBC Thunderbirds women's volleyball team will host the Brandon University Bobcats in a battle of the top-two teams in Canadian Interuniversity Sport.

The Thunderbirds are the top-ranked team in the nation, with the Bobcats having jumped up from fourth to second in the latest CIS rankings.

They'll play matches Friday and Saturday at the War Memorial Gymnasium on the UBC campus. UBC is 14-0 in Canada West conference play this season. METRO

NHL

Wild run rampant over Oilers

Jason Pominville had a goal and an assist, Nate Prosser got his first goal in 68 games, and the Minnesota Wild beat the Edmonton Oilers 4-1 on Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NHL. It's clear: Canucks need scoring to contend

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By all accounts Vancouver GM Mike Gillis is a man of principles, and chief among then has been patience. The difficulty with virtues is they can become vices. In Gillis's case, his patience has kept the Canucks from making necessary moves. (Look no further than the Roberto Luongo-Cory Schneider circus).

And it could hinder Vancouver again if Gillis doesn't pull off a long-overdue deal for some offence.

Heading into Thursday's game against the Coyotes, the Canucks were virtually unbeatable at 18-0-4 when they scored three goals or more (excluding the shootout), but they were just 6-15-5 when they didn't.

For years now, Vancouver has run an assembly line of wingers by the Sedins. Perhaps Gillis is waiting for the twins' former linemate Alexandre Burrows to return from injury, but he really should be calling Garth Snow, GM of the lowly Islanders, or Tim Murray, newly appointed boss of the even lower Buffalo Sabres.

Those teams harbour a pair of perennial 30-goal wingers — Thomas Vanek and Matt Moulson respectively. Either would take at least some of the pressure off the Sedins and Ryan Kesler to produce.

Of course, who would Gillis trade to get Vanek or Moulson? It'd be painful to part with a first-round pick, but the 2014 draft doesn't have much depth and Gillis is all-in with an aging core. A mid-range prospect or roster player would have to be thrown in.

Maybe Gillis and coach John Tortorella are convinced they can win with defence, a hallmark of great playoff teams. Though that platitude is true, you also can't win if you can't score. And the Canucks have proven they win when they do. Now it's time for Gillis to go get them what they need.

Williams winningest in Oz

Five-time champion Serena Williams has now won more matches at the Australian Open than any other woman, notching career win No. 61 in scorching conditions Friday as she advanced to the fourth round with a 6-3, 6-3 victory over Daniela Hantuchova. MATT KING/GETTY IMAGES

NFL

Harvin still not yet cleared to play

Seattle Seahawks wide receiver Percy Harvin is still going through concussion testing and has not been cleared for Sunday's NFC championship game.

Seattle coach Pete Carroll said Harvin didn't participate in practice Thursday. He said the only deadline for Harvin is the one determined by doctors who must clear Harvin for him to be able to play against San Francisco.

Harvin was injured late in the first half of Saturday's NFC divisional playoff win over New Orleans. Harvin hit his head hard on the turf after jumping for a pass in the end zone. It was the second big hit Harvin took in the game.

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Percy Harvin got helped off the field last week. GETTY IMAGES

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	47	30	15	2	136	104	62
Tampa Bay	48	28	15	5	137	115	61
Montreal	48	27	16	5	123	115	59
Toronto	49	24	20	5	136	149	53
Ottawa	48	21	18	9	138	151	51
Detroit	47	20	17	10	118	128	50
Florida	47	18	22	7	109	144	43
Buffalo	46	13	27	6	83	129	32

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	48	34	12	2	156	115	70
Philadelphia	48	24	19	5	128	136	53
N.Y. Rangers	49	25	21	3	120	126	53
Washington	47	22	17	8	140	141	52
New Jersey	49	20	18	11	113	120	51
Columbus	46	22	20	4	129	131	48
Carolina	46	19	18	9	111	130	47
N.Y. Islanders	49	19	23	7	134	157	45

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	49	30	8	11	177	135	71
St. Louis	46	32	9	5	164	104	69
Colorado	47	30	12	5	137	118	65
Minnesota	50	26	19	5	122	123	57
Dallas	47	21	19	7	134	145	49
Nashville	49	21	21	7	117	146	49
Winnipeg	49	21	23	5	138	148	47

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	49	36	8	5	170	120	77
San Jose	48	30	12	6	153	117	66
Los Angeles	48	29	14	5	124	97	63
Vancouver	49	24	16	9	124	125	57
Phoenix	47	22	16	9	136	143	53
Calgary	48	16	26	6	107	153	38
Edmonton	50	15	30	5	129	178	35

Note: Two points for a win, one point for an overtime/shootout loss (OL column).

Thursday's results
Boston 4 Dallas 2
Colorado 2 New Jersey 1 (SO)
Los Angeles 4 St. Louis 1
Minnesota 4 Edmonton 1
Montreal 5 Ottawa 4 (OT)
Nashville 4 Philadelphia 3 (SO)
N.Y. Islanders 2 Tampa Bay 1 (SO)
N.Y. Rangers 1 Detroit 0
Phoenix 1 Vancouver 0
San Jose 3 Florida 0
Winnipeg 5 Calgary 2
Wednesday's results
Anaheim 9 Vancouver 1
Pittsburgh 4 Washington 3
Toronto 4 Buffalo 3 (SO)
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
Washington at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
San Jose at Tampa Bay, 2 p.m.
N.Y. Rangers at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Edmonton at Winnipeg, 2 p.m.
Los Angeles at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Florida at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Toronto, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Anaheim at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 9 p.m.
Calgary at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
Boston at Chicago, 12:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Carolina, 5 p.m.
Washington at N.Y. Rangers, 7:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pt
Crosby, Pgh	25	43	68
Kane, Chi	23	33	56
Tavares, NYI	21	35	56
Getzlaf, Ana	23	32	55
Perry, Ana	27	26	53
Thornton, SJ	5	45	50
Sharp, Chi	25	24	49
Kunitz, Pgh	24	25	49
Ovechkin, Wash	34	14	48
Backstrom, Wash	11	37	48
Toews, Chi	17	30	47

Not including last night's games

NFL PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Sunday's games — All Times Eastern
AFC — New England at Denver, 3 p.m.
NFC — San Francisco at Seattle, 6:30 p.m.

SUPER BOWL XLVIII

Sunday, Feb. 2 — At East Rutherford, N.J.
AFC vs. NFC champions, 6:30 p.m.

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	31	7	.816	—
d-Miami	27	11	.711	4
d-Toronto	19	18	.514	11½
Atlanta	20	19	.513	11½
Washington	18	19	.486	12½
Chicago	18	19	.486	12½
Detroit	16	22	.421	15
Brooklyn	16	22	.421	15
Charlotte	16	24	.400	16
New York	15	24	.385	16½
Cleveland	14	25	.359	17½
Boston	14	26	.350	18
Philadelphia	13	25	.342	18
Orlando	10	29	.256	21½
Milwaukee	7	31	.184	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-San Antonio	31	8	.795	—
d-Portland	29	9	.763	1½
Oklahoma City	28	10	.737	2½
d-L.A. Clippers	27	13	.675	4½
Houston	26	14	.650	5½
Golden State	25	15	.625	6½
Phoenix	22	16	.579	8½
Dallas	23	17	.575	8½
Denver	20	18	.526	10½
Memphis	19	19	.500	11½
Minnesota	18	20	.474	12½
New Orleans	15	23	.395	15½
Sacramento	14	23	.378	16
L.A. Lakers	14	25	.359	17
Utah	13	27	.325	18½

Thursday's results
Indiana 117 New York 89
Oklahoma City at Houston
At London, England
Brooklyn 127 Atlanta 110
Wednesday's late results
Boston 88 Toronto 83
Chicago 126 Orlando 125 (3OT)
Portland 108 Cleveland 96
Friday's games — All Times Eastern
L.A. Clippers at New York, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Miami at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Chicago at Washington, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Orlando, 7 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Utah at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Portland at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Denver, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 9:30 p.m.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Your mind will be moving fast over the next few days as you look to make your ideas pay. But don't make any decisions until after the Sun changes signs on the 20th. Only then will the way forward be clear.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Something will happen today that annoys you. But when you think about it, you will realize that it makes no difference to your plans. Carry on with what you were going to do.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Don't listen to those who say you are too far out with your ideas for your own good. They may think you are crazy but it all makes perfect sense to you, and that's what matters.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You should make yourself known to important people over the next 24 hours. People in positions of authority will be open to your ideas and before you know it, you could find yourself promoted.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's Mercury-Uranus link will help you to see things way ahead of everyone else. However, other aspects warn that what you see over the weekend may be misleading, so don't get carried away.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
According to the planets, you are too close to a project and need to step back a bit if you are to get a realistic view of how you are doing — and what you need to do next.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You don't have to make an issue of every challenge. You will progress quicker if you ignore whatever does not take you closer to your goals.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Try not to make decisions for loved ones because, no matter how well intentioned, they are sure to resent it. Let them learn from their own mistakes and be there to help them up off the floor if they need it.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone you meet today will open your eyes to new possibilities. But that does not mean you should drop what you are doing and head off in a new direction. Wait for the Sun to change signs on Monday before making decisions.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
The planets warn you could easily be fooled by someone who knows how to play on your insecurities. Don't fall for their lies. If you do, you will have only yourself to blame.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
The best way to help yourself today is to help others. With mind planet Mercury linked nicely to your ruler Uranus, you have a knack for knowing what those around you need.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Sometimes things go wrong for a reason and sometimes for no reason at all. What goes wrong today will most likely fall in the latter category but it's really no big deal. Come Monday you will have forgotten all about it.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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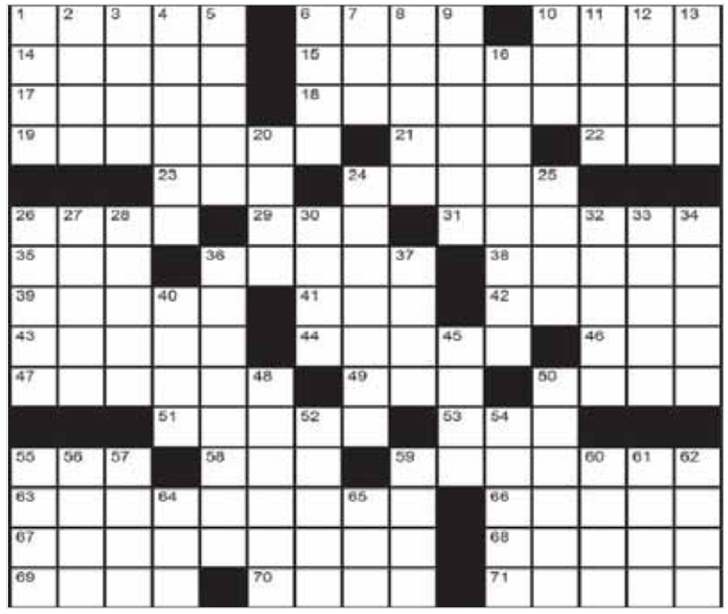


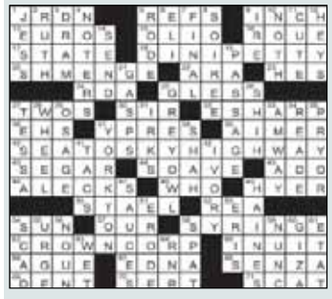
Across

1. __ Harbour, NWT
6. 'Different' suffix
10. __ Spumante wine
14. Mr. Blake of ragtime piano
15. Canadian actor, b.1916 - d.2006: 2 wds.
17. Vertical
18. Procedure
19. Its practitioners adapt their movements to the environment to overcome physical obstacles
21. Old French coin
22. Roxy Music's Brian
23. Nav. rank
24. Craft-making fabrics
26. Kill
29. Genetic stuff
31. Agile
35. Poetry contraction
36. __-totsy
38. Hex
39. Cartoon style
41. Cable network Showtime's website, __.com
42. Quartz variety
43. "That's __ nonsense." ...said the cow about something ridiculous
44. Nicknamed "Happy Days" character: 2 wds.
46. Grassy roll
47. Mick Jagger's first wife
49. Paddle
50. Naja Hajes
51. Donald Sutherland flick, "Max __ Returns" (1983)
53. Mil. rank
55. Superstar
58. Roman Myth: Household deity
59. That catchy tune you just can't get out of your head
63. "__ of Miracles" (1961) starring #15-Across
66. Google alternative
67. Ex-Atlanta hockey players
68. Colgate competitor
69. Inner light
70. "The Dame __ Experience"
71. Iceland's stories

Down

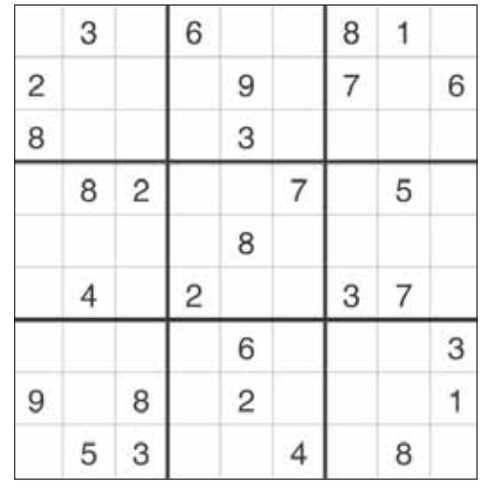
1. Permeate
2. Radiant light
3. "Ten-four." sayer
4. "ET Canada" host Cheryl
5. Place atop: 2 wds.
6. Dr. Frankenstein's pal
7. Matterhorn, for one
8. Queen of Burlesque, Dita Von __
9. Sign up
10. Morn's follower
11. Silk: French
12. 1982 Sci-Fi movie
13. "__ __ idea." (That's news to me)
16. Tragically Hip's "__ Disaster"
20. "'Till Death __ __ Part" (BBC comedy on which "All in the Family" was based)
24. "Cityline": __ Friday
25. Conceited
26. Baseball great Rusty
27. Toronto-born singer Ms. Ortega
28. Actress Ms. Valli
30. US crash-investigating agcy.
32. Music quintet, Canadian __
33. Bar, in law
34. Oboist's props
36. "The Legend of __" (2014)
37. Fitness sort
40. Repair
45. Medieval chest
48. Laurentians locale, Ste-__
50. NB's Premier, David __
52. Barked
54. Jonathan __, Juan Peron in "Evita" (1996)
55. Li'l living lairs
56. Salmon sort
57. Shoe shade
59. "Born Free" (1966) lioness
60. Uttered "That's nice dear."
61. Civil Rights leader Ms. Parks
62. Bons __ (Witticisms)
64. Mr. Penn
65. Archaeological find

Yesterday's Crossword



Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.



Yesterday's Sudoku

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9	8	3	5	7	4	6	2	1
4	1	2	3	8	6	7	9	5
3	5	8	9	6	7	4	1	2
1	7	9	4	2	5	8	6	3
6	2	4	8	3	1	5	7	9
2	3	6	1	4	8	9	5	7
8	9	1	7	5	3	2	4	6
7	4	5	6	9	2	1	3	8

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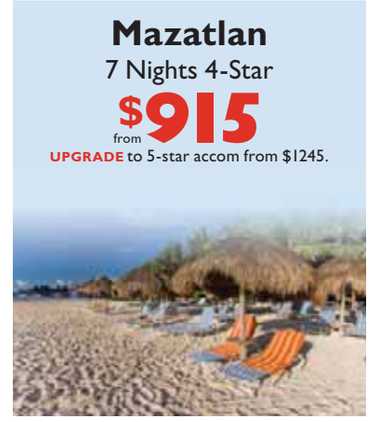

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